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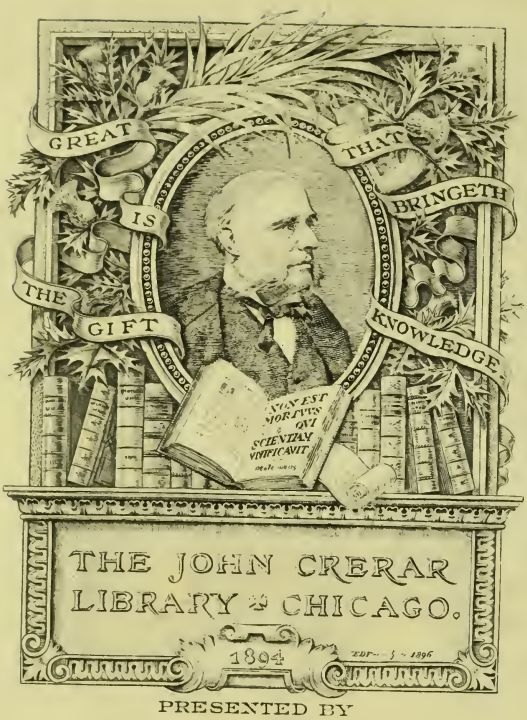

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT,

1911-12.

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UNIVERSITY OF BARODA
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Public Library, Art Gallery, and Museum Committee, 1911-12.

The Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman JOHN PARKS, J.P.

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Public Library, Art Gallery, and Museum.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1911-12.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bury.

GENTLEMEN,

THE Art Gallery and Library Committee have the honour to present their Report for the year ending October 9th, 1912.

The past year, as shown by statistics and as observed by the Committee, has been one of progress, and it affords us much pleasure to be able to announce that in all departments an increased use of the institution is apparent. In the last report it was stated that the visitors to the Art Gallery and Museum, and the issues in the Lending Library and Reference Library had declined. The figures this year show a satisfactory recovery, and especially in the number of visitors to the Art Gallery.

If reasons should be advanced for this improved tendency, the reaction from the disturbing effects upon public reading and study of the Coronation, the exceptionally fine summer of 1911, and the innovation of picture halls—and the effect of the important Exhibition of Scottish Art in the Art Gallery, seem to suggest themselves. A summary of the statistics is as follows:—

5,605 tickets are in use in the Lending and Juvenile Libraries. There are in all departments 23,608 volumes, which have been used to the extent of 93,311 issues (an increase of 4,357 during the year), the total number for the eleven years being 886,201 issues. The proportion of fiction reading to the total issue of books is 45%. No account of the School Libraries is taken in these totals, which are considered separately in another part of this report. The Art Gallery turnstiles record 52,844 visits, an increase of 12,418.

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The list of recent additions to the Libraries has been regularly issued, and has kept readers informed of the progress of the institution in all its departments.

Many donations have been received, for which the Committee have expressed their thanks. They will be found set forth in detail on page 6.

The books proposed to be added to the Libraries have been carefully considered by the Book Selection Sub-Committee, with a view to strengthening the collection in all branches of literature, as well in technical and industrial subjects as in recreation and amusement.

Harry Hilton, a junior assistant, has resigned his post, and has been succeeded by Clarence Richardson.

The Committee, in order to encourage their assistants to make themselves efficient in their positions, are giving facilities for two members of the Staff to attend lectures and classes at the Manchester School of Technology, where special tuition for Library Assistants is provided.

The Librarian, who attended the Thirty-fifth Annual Conference of the Library Association, at Liverpool, as a delegate of the Committee, and prepared a report of the proceedings, has been elected a member of the Council of the North-western Branch of that Association.

The Art Gallery and Library building has been examined, and certain repairs have been executed, rendered necessary by the corrosion of some portions of the stonework.

The Libraries were open on 301 days, and the Art Gallery on 362 days.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The number of issues from this department is 14,338, an increase of 548 upon that of last year. 6,069 volumes are on the shelves, 264 of which have been added since the last report; one volume has been transferred to the Lending Department. The placing of a number of the principal works of reference upon open shelves has much increased the usefulness of this department, and though an

exact account of their use cannot be given, the Committee are satisfied that the plan is highly successful. As the Library grows, readers are placing more reliance upon it—the Grundy bequest making it possible to supply expensive and important works of reference as they are brought to the attention of the Committee.

The Subject-Catalogue, upon the Dewey plan, is making good progress, and the re-arrangement of the books in accordance with it will shortly be made.

The following are some of the most important books added during the year :—

Armitage—Early Norman Castles of the British Isles.
Bosanquet—Logic. 2 vols.
Clemisha—History of Preston-in-Amounderness.
Geikie—Great Ice Age.
Guiffery (*ed.*)—Les Modèles et les Tapisseries des Gobelins.
Herbert—Illuminated Manuscripts (Connoisseur's Library).
Hewitson—Articles and Cuttings relating to the History of Bury.
Liddell & Scott—Greek-English Lexicon.
Raffety (*ed.*)—Modern Business Practice. Vols. 1 to 5.
Rickman—Gothic Architecture.
Roscoe & Schorlemmer—Treatise on Chemistry. Vol 1. (New Edition).
Ruskin—Complete Works. 39 vols. (Library Edition).
Thorpe—Dictionary of Applied Chemistry. Vols. 1 and 2. (New Edition).

Baretti's Italian-English and English-Italian Dictionary.
Cambridge Natural History, edited by Hamer & Shipley. 10 vols.
Dictionary of National Biography; second supplement. Vols. 1 and 2.
Grove's Dictionary of Music; edited by Fuller-Maitland. 5 vols. (New Edition).
"*Mermaid Series*" of Old Dramatists; Plays of Congreve, Heywood, Jonson, Otway, Shirley, Webster & Tourneur.
Turner's Water-colours at Farnley Hall; Text by Finberg.
Victoria History of the County of Lancaster. Vols. 5-7.

LENDING LIBRARY.

The books borrowed for home reading from the Lending Library amount to 61,651 issues, an increase of 3,666.

A Catalogue of the books on Physical Science, Including music, has been published, and has met with a gratifying appreciation from the public. This has encouraged the Committee to publish another section dealing with the works of fiction and general literature. The work is now in hand and the book will, it is hoped, be shortly in the hands of the readers.

4,066 ordinary tickets are now in use, a net increase of 555, and 486 Students' tickets, available for books other than fiction, increased by 39, are current. 442 cards have been withdrawn or cancelled, and 469 borrowers have renewed their tickets.

Fifteen books have been detained by the Medical Officer of Health, as having been in the houses of persons suffering from infectious diseases.

The issues of books to the blind have increased by 22, the total number being 162. These books are borrowed from the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society, and the Committee believe that their increased use is due to a more popular selection.

The Music Library is one of the most popular parts of the institution, and special mention should be made of the valuable annual gift from the Bury and District Musical Festival Association, which has rendered the section most interesting, and helped the Committee to keep it efficient at a very small cost.

Twelve persons from outside the Borough boundaries are using the Libraries at a subscription of 5/- a year.

The total Lending Library stock is 13,590 volumes, of which 691 have been added during the year. 159 have been withdrawn as incomplete or worn out. Of the five volumes reported last year as missing at the stocktaking, four have since been found.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The issue of 17,322 from this department represents an increase of 143. In addition, 2,861 books have been sent to twenty-two of the elementary schools of the Borough, and have been issued to the extent of 35,264 issues, an increase of 271. The following particulars show the issues from each school:---

All Saints, 1134; Bircle, 2000; Chesham, 1470; Christian Church, 1543; Guardian Angels, 484; Holy Trinity, 800; Parish Church, 2941; St. John's, 2100; St. Joseph's, 2400; East Ward Council, 1895; St. Mary's, 2700; St. Paul's (Bell), 3200; St. Paul's (Huntley), 645; St. Stephen's, 2332; Elton Council, 5700; St. Thomas's, 2700; Walmersley, 420; St. Mark's, 800.

In two of the schools, Brunswick and Clerke Street, the books are not lent to the scholars to take home, but are read in the school under the supervision of a teacher, during the "silent reading" lesson.

The Committee again record their indebtedness to the Head Teachers of the schools for their valuable co-operation in this work.

129 volumes have been added during the year, and 92 withdrawn for various reasons, raising the total stock to 3,949 volumes.

1,053 tickets, in addition to those in use at the schools, are current, an increase of 83. 184 have been withdrawn or cancelled, and 128 have been renewed.

Nine books have been retained by the Medical Officer of Health.

READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms are used by more than 500 persons daily. The accommodation at times is taxed, both in the men's and women's rooms, to its utmost capacity.

Donors to the Library during the year.

Mrs. Bruce & Miss Wrigley, Bury
Mr. Fred Crawshaw, Bury
Mr. Henry Crompton, Bury
Mr. John Fenton, Tottington
Mr. A. H. Fewtrell, Bury
Mr. Henry Frowde, Oxford University Press
Mrs. Forlong, Edinburgh
Mr. Henry Guppy, M.A., Manchester
Mr. J. Howard Hall, Bury
Mr. James Hall, Chester
Mr. William Hewitson, Bury
Rev. W. H. Howlett, M.A., Bury
Mr. James Kenyon, jun., J.P., Tottington
Lady Layland-Barratt, London
Councillor W. Nabb, Bury
Mr. C. W. Sutton, M.A., Manchester
Mr. W. A. Tonge, Disley
Mr. W. P. Thompson, Liverpool
Mr. J. W. Wild, Bury
Mr. James Wood, Bury
Trustees of the British Museum, London
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Board of Management of the Bury Infirmary
Bury and District Free Church Council
Bury and District Musical Festival Association
Bury and District Charity Organisation Society
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries

Bury Corporation:
- The Town Clerk
- Borough Treasurer
- Borough Engineer
- Medical Officer of Health
- Tramways Manager
- Director of Education
- Sewage Works Manager
- Chief Officer of Fire Brigade

Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester
Messrs. Thomas Cook & Sons, London
H.M. Patent Office, London
Institute of Chartered Accountants, London
International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers
Incorporated Society of Musicians
Messrs. C. & E. Layton, London
Messrs. Mather & Crowther, London
National Union of Teachers
North Eastern Railway Co., York
Messrs. Perry Ltd., London
Registrar of Shipping and Seamen London
Messrs. George Robertson & Co., London
Trustees of the Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A.
Victoria University, Manchester
University College of Wales, Aberystwyth
University Correspondence College, London

Reports have been received from many public Libraries, Art Galleries, and Museums; Time-tables from the various Railway Companies, and a number of newspapers and periodicals from their publishers.

ART GALLERY.

The increased use of the Art Gallery during the past year has given much satisfaction to the Committee, and they hope that the interest may be maintained. The exhibition of Paintings by Scottish Artists, opened on November 27th, 1911, attracted large numbers of visitors and was in every way successful. It is expected that another exhibition of equal interest will be arranged during the next few months.

The lecture given by Mr. J. E. Phythian, on April 1st, under the terms of the Ogden bequest, did much to revive an interest in the Wrigley collection.

An innovation from which it is hoped good results may ensue, is the weekly lecture to groups of school children by the Curator. Twenty-five children from an elementary school, in charge of a teacher, are brought to the Gallery, and the Curator, whilst drawing their attention to the beauty and interest of particular pictures, endeavours to give them such instruction as shall enable them to appreciate the points of value in other works of art. The Education Committee have recorded their appreciation of the value of this work.

Two Mayoral "At Homes," on January 10th and September 25th, have been held in the Galleries.

The Committee desire to express their gratitude to Mr. Cuthbert Grundy, for the gift of a picture by himself, "A wet day near Skelwith," and to the Mayor (Alderman John Parks), for the gift of a painting by Archibald Kay, R.S.W., "The glen of the mossy waters," which was exhibited in the Scottish Exhibition.

Three of the pictures have been restored, and two of the frames have been re-gilded.

Loans of pictures after Murillo, and a water-colour drawing by David Cox, have been made by the Exors. of Canon Evans and Mr. George Clough, respectively.

Permission has been granted for the copying of 59 of the pictures since the opening of the Gallery, and two are now in process of colour-reproduction on a large scale, by the Anglo-Engraving Co. Ltd

Twenty-six Photographs of the pictures, 109 illustrated Catalogues, 10 Guides to the Gallery, 16 Portfolios of the pictures, 9 copies of Mr. Grundy's pamphlet, 966 Catalogues of the Scottish Exhibition, and 205 picture Post-cards have been sold.

The turnstiles have registered the number of visitors since the opening in October, 1901, as 788,789, and the number during the last twelve months as 52,844, an increase compared with the previous twelve months of 12,418.

During the year pictures have been lent to the Galleries of Darwen, Toronto, and York.

MUSEUM.

The objects in the four cases lent from the Victoria and Albert Museum have been changed. The new collection consists of Embroidery, Metalwork, Jewellery, and Pottery.

Two new cases have been provided for the display of objects in the possession of the Committee.

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

Mr. Richard Ainsworth, Bury. (Souvenir of the Jubilee of the Introduction of the "Penny Postage.")

Mr. J. Kirby, Postmaster, Bury. (Medallion, commemorating the Jubilee of the "Penny Postage.")

Miss Ashworth, Bankfield. (Glass shade for Museum Objects.)

Mr. J. Howard Hall, Bury. (Collection of Minerals, Butterflies, and Eggs.)

LOANS OF OBJECTS FOR EXHIBITION.

Colonel J. Barlow. (Stone axes from Jamaica).
Miss Farrow. (Collection of objects from Nigeria).
Mr. J. N. Openshaw. (Cases of Birds).
Mr. James Benson. (Roman Jug).
Mr. James Shaw. (Antiquarian objects and weapons).
Mr. D. Page. (Bury Broadside).
Mr. Robert Kay, Frank Street. (Collection of Butterflies).
Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum. (Four cases of Museum objects).

Finally, the Committee desire to express their heartiest thanks to all who have made gifts to the Library, Art Gallery, or Museum.

J. K. BUTCHER,
Chairman,

JOHN ASHWORTH,
Deputy Chairman.

Public Library, Art Gallery,
and Museum, Bury,
November 21st, 1912.

BORROWERS.

No. of Tickets in actual use:

Adults	4,066
Students' extra tickets	486
Juveniles	1,053
	5,605

STOCK.

Volumes in Lending Library	13,590
,, Juvenile Library	3,949
Reference Library	6,069
Total Stock	**23,608**

ISSUES.

Lending Library	61,651
Juvenile Library	17,322
Reference Library	14,338
School Libraries	35,264
Total Issue	**128,575**

Comparative Statement of Issues from the various Departments of the Library. 1901—1912.

Year.	Lending Department.	Juvenile Department.	Reference Department.	Total.
1901-2	47519	—	1430	48949
1902-3	50019	20103	2714	72836
1903-4	48877	16565	3250	68692
1904-5	56345	17200	6804	80349
1905-6	59472	15177	6799	81448
1906-7	57062	14559	7110	78731
1907-8	65426	12904	8158	86488
1908-9	59220	13957	10911	84088
1909-10	67568	16027	18761	102356
1910-11	57985	17179	13790	88954
1911-12	**61651**	**17322**	**14338**	**93311**
Total issues	631144	160993	94065	886202

VISITORS TO THE ART GALLERY—1901-12.

YEAR.	NO. OF VISITORS.
1901-2	143873
1902-3	107535
1903-4	65225
1904-5	65678
1905-6	58022
1906-7	66913
1907-8	86023
1908-9	57885
1909-10	43365
1910-11	40426
1911-12	**52844**
Total visits since opening ...	788789

Issues from the Lending Department.

Class.		1910-11	1911-12
A	Generalia	2903	3234
B—D	Physical Science...	3400	3958
E, F	Biological Science	736	669
G, H	Ethnology and Medicine ...	912	847
I	Economic Biology	1205	1281
J, K	Philosophy and Religion ...	1365	1345
L	Social and Political Science ...	736	660
M	Language and Literature ...	1211	1211
N	Literary Forms	1877	1742
O—W	History, Geography	2392	2754
X	Biography	1308	1183
Z	Books for the Blind	140	162
FICTION		39800	42605
JUVENILE LIBRARY		17179	17322
SCHOOL LIBRARIES		34993	35264
	Total Issue ...	123947	128575

TABLE III.

Issues from the Reference Department.

Class.	1910-11	1911-12
General Works	2224	2658
Philosophy	177	196
Religion	1175	1132
Sociology	1004	1033
Philology	1450	1163
Science	623	776
Useful Arts	1415	1418
Fine Arts	1076	1215
Literature...	1341	1276
History	3305	3471
Total Issue ...	13790	14338

Form of Bequest.

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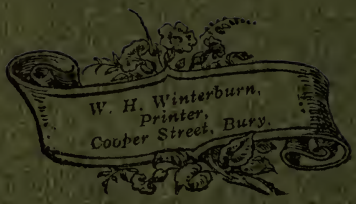
I bequeath out of such part of my personal estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the Benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

I bequeath
(Books)
(Pictures)
to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personality), for the benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, either for exhibition or for such other purposes as they may deem expedient, and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.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Public Library, Art Gallery, and Museum Committee, 1912-1913.

The Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman John Parks, J.P.

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Deputy Chairman:

Alderman J. Ashworth, J.P.

Alderman:

L. Fletcher, J.P.

Councillors:

W. Barritt.
J. Hacking.
R. B. Hardman.
W. Jamieson.
S. Kay, J.P.
Dr. W. E. Rothwell.
W. E. Turner, J.P.

Librarian and Curator:
Harry Townend (1904).

Sub-Librarian.
J. H. Shaw.

County Borough of Bury.

Public Library, Art Gallery and Museum.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1912-1913.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bury.

GENTLEMEN,

The Art Gallery and Library Committee have the honour to present their Report for the year ending October 9th, 1913.

They record with pleasure that in the adult libraries the increased use which was shown in last year's Report has been maintained, though they regret that in the Juvenile departments there is evidence of a decline in reading. The Art Gallery and Museum have not been visited to the same extent as in the previous year, although the figures have not fallen so low as in some former years. It is difficult to account for this decrease, for the Exhibitions have been more important and expensive than usual.

5,146 tickets are in use in the Lending and Juvenile Libraries. There are in all department 24,885 volumes, which have been used to the extent of 94,539 issues (an increase of 1,228 during the year), the total number for the twelve years being 980,741 issues. The proportion of fiction reading to the total issue of books is 44 per cent., and to the issue of the Lending Library only, 54.8 per cent. No account of the School Libraries is taken in these totals, which are considered separately in another part of this Report. The Art Gallery turnstiles record 48,482 visits, a decrease of 4,362.

The list of additions to the Libraries has not been issued as frequently during the year, having been rendered not quite so necessary by new sectional catalogues.

Many donations have been received, for which the Committee have expressed their thanks. They will be found set forth in detail on pages 6 and 8.

The books proposed to be added to the Libraries have been carefully considered by the Book Selection Sub-Committee, with a view to improving the collection in all branches of literature, as well in technical and industrial subjects as in recreation and amusements. An exceptional opportunity was afforded to the Committee of strengthening the section devoted to Literature, Poetry, and the Drama, by the disposal of the collection of the late Mr. Edwin Lucas, which the Committee purchased on advantageous terms.

Two members of the Staff have attended for their first year the lectures and classes for Library Assistants at the Manchester School of Technology, and have taken good places in the examination lists. The Committee regret that there is a prospect of these classes being discontinued with the completion of the three years' term of the present students.

The Librarian, who attended the Thirty-Sixth Annual Conference of the Library Association, at Bournemouth, as a delegate of the Committee, and prepared a report of the proceedings, has again been elected a member of the Council of the North-Western Branch of that Association.

On November 15th, a meeting of the North-Western Branch of the Library Association was held in the Art Gallery, at the invitation of the Committee, which was well-attended by representatives of Library Committees and Librarians. Mr. Knight, Principal of the Bury School of Art, conducted the visitors round the Gallery, and papers were read by Mr. R. J. Gordon, Chief Librarian of Rochdale, and Mr. Harry Townend, of Bury.

The exterior painting of the building has been renewed, and all necessary repairs executed.

The Libraries were open on 300 days, and the Art Gallery on 362 days.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The number of issues from this department is 14,945, an increase of 607 upon that of last year. 6,489 volumes are on the shelves, 435 of which have been added since the last Report; fifteen volumes have been transferred to the Lending department. An exact account of the use of the books on the open shelves

cannot be given, but it is evident from the number of people who consult them that the privilege of free access to such works of reference is appreciated by readers. Many books are replaced by those who consult them, and so no record of their issue is made, though the assistants take notice of the works which are in use, as much as is possible without being impertinently curious.

The books in this department have been for a considerable time in process of re-classification, and when re-arranged will be much more convenient of access.

The following are some of the most important books added during the year :—

Budge—Gods of the Egyptians. 2 vols.
Herkomer—The Herkomers.
Raffety—Modern business practice. Vols. 6-8.
Kerner—Natural History of Plants. 2 vols.
Thorpe—Dictionary of Applied Chemistry. Vols. 1 to 4.
Chaucer—Poetical works. 6 vols.
Jamieson—Dictionary of Scottish Language. 2 vols.
Shakespeare—Complete Works. 12 vols.
Dyce—Shakespeare glossary.
Onions—Shakespeare glossary.
Greenaway (*Kate*) By Spielmann.
Israels (*Josef*) By Phythian.
Watts (*G. F.*) By Barrington.
Manet (*Edouard*) By Hourticq.

LENDING LIBRARY.

The books borrowed for home reading from the Lending Library amount to 63,425 issues, an increase of 1,774.

A Catalogue of the books on Language and Literature, including Fiction, Poetry, and the Drama has been published, and has met with a gratifying appreciation from the public. The next sectional catalogue to be published will be that describing the works on the Useful Arts. The revision of the Catalogue cards for this purpose will shortly be taken in hand, though before it can be completed some new books will be required, and the editions of those already in the Library will need to be brought up-to-date.

3,696 ordinary tickets are now in use, and 458 Students' tickets, available for books other than fiction, are current. 344

cards have been withdrawn or cancelled, and 322 borrowers have renewed their tickets.

Eighteen books have been detained by the Medical Officer of Health, as having been in the houses of persons suffering from infectious diseases.

The issues of books to the blind have decreased by 26, the total number being 136. These books are borrowed from the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society's Library, to which the Committee make an Annual Subscription.

The Music section has been well used during the year, and there is a desire on the part of borrowers for the provision of more scores of modern music, which the Committee will consider as occasion offers. The Committee are again indebted for many valuable volumes of music to the Bury and District Musical Festival Association.

Thirteen persons from outside the Borough boundaries are using the Libraries at a subscription of 5/- a year.

The total Lending Library stock is 14,361 volumes, of which 1,120 have been added during the year. 249 have been withdrawn as incomplete or worn-out, and 100 volumes transferred to the Reference Library.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The issue of 16,169 from this department represents a decrease of 1,153. In addition, 2,383 books have been sent to twenty of the elementary schools of the Borough, and have been issued to the extent of 24,016 issues, a decrease of 11,248. The following particulars show the issues from each school :—

All Saints', 677; Bircle, 850; Brunswick, 420; Chesham, 738; Clerke Street, 3,000; Guardian Angels', 900; Holy Trinity, 1,050; Parish Church, 120; St. John's, 1,640; St. Joseph's, 360; East Ward Council, 1,750; St. Maries', 2,100; St. Paul's (Bell), 820; St. Paul's (Huntley), 460; St. Stephen's, 525; Elton Council, 3,000; St. Thomas's, 3,280; Walmersley, 328; St. Mark's, 1,200; St. Peter's, 798.

In two of the schools, Brunswick and Clerke Street, the books are not lent to the scholars to take home, but are read in the school under the supervision of a teacher, during the "silent reading" lesson.

The decline of the School issues is a matter which the Committee regret, though they are not able to control them. The Head Teachers express their satisfaction with the arrangements made by the Committee, and offer no explanation for the decrease, which is probably as much due to diverse methods of recording the issues, and to a varying frequency of distributing the books, as to a lack of interest on the part of the children. The value of this part of the work of the institution cannot be estimated in figures; the influence of well-selected books on the minds of the children must certainly be great, and it is more important that a few books should be carefully read than that a large number should be issued. For their valuable co-operation in this work the Committee are much indebted to the Head Teachers.

148 volumes have been added during the year, and 62 withdrawn for various reasons, raising the total stock to 4,035 volumes.

992 tickets, in addition to those in use at the schools, are current. 92 have been withdrawn or cancelled, and 42 have been renewed.

Eight books have been retained by the Medical Officer of Health.

READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms are used by more than 500 persons daily. The accommodation at times is taxed, both in the men's and women's rooms, to its utmost capacity.

The purchase of an electric Vacuum cleaner has enabled the caretakers to keep the rooms more free from dust than was possible previously, to the advantage of the public health, and that of the staff.

Donors to the Libraries during the year.

An anonymous donor.
Mr. Chas. H. Ball, Bury.
Mr. Fred Crawshaw, Bury.
Mrs. Bruce and Miss Wrigley Bury
Mr. James Cassidy, London
Mr. Henry Crompton, Bury
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University Correspondence College, London

Reports have been received from many public Libraries, Art Galleries, and Museums; Time-tables from the various Railway Companies, and a number of newspapers and periodicals from their publishers.

ART GALLERY.

The Committee are much concerned about the decrease in the visits to the Art Gallery during the past year. The Exhibition, opened by Mr. Cuthbert C. Grundy on March 2nd, which was arranged to show the scope of British painting by artists contemporary with those represented in the Wrigley Collection, was in point of view of the excellence and importance of the pictures, far in advance of anything before attempted by the Committee, and in addition a most interesting and instructive series of drawings by Turner has been received from the National Gallery and hung in the C Gallery. The Trustees of the National Gallery and the Board of Education have promised other loans of pictures in the immediate future.

A lecture given in the Gallery by Mr. J. E. Phythian, on the Growth of Landscape Painting was so poorly attended as to cause the Committee to doubt whether they are warranted in continuing to provide lectures, in view of the many demands upon their limited income.

The visits of the school children to the Gallery have been continued, and it is believed that the lectures of the Curator have resulted in an increased interest in pictures, and in the Art Gallery, on the part of the teachers as well as of the scholars.

A Mayoral " At Home " was held in the Gallery on April 2nd.

The Committee have purchased a water-colour painting by John Varley, " A view near Edinburgh," and four engravings in continuation of Turner's " Liber Studiorum," by Sir Frank Short.

Permission has been granted for the copying of 66 of the pictures since the opening of the Gallery.

Five photographs of the Pictures, 100 illustrated Catalogues, 13 guides to the Gallery, 8 Portfolios of the pictures, 9 copies of Mr. Grundy's pamphlet, 1,142 Catalogues of the Exhibition, and 401 Picture Post Cards have been sold. The Portfolio of Pictures is now out-of-print.

The turnstiles have registered the number of visitors since the opening in October, 1901, as 837,271, and the number during

the last twelve months as 48,482, a decrease compared with the previous twelve months of 4,362.

During the year pictures have been lent to the Galleries of Sunderland, Nottingham, and Toronto.

MUSEUM.

The objects in the four cases lent from the Victoria and Albert Museum have been changed. The new collection consists of Italian Bronzes, Turkish and Persian Tiles, European Textiles, and Oriental China.

The Birds and Zoological specimens have been renovated, remounted, classified and labelled, and now present a series of examples of much educational value. During the time required for this work the room was closed. It was re-opened to the public on April 26th.

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

Anonymous. (Beetles from Manilla).
Mr. R. W. Buxton, Bury. (Grass, or Ringed Snake.)
Mr. William Greenhalgh, Tottington. (Specimen of Mexican fire Opal.)
The Mayor of Bury (Alderman John Parks). (Silver, Bronze, and Aluminium medals commemorating the visit of the King and Queen to Bury, July 12th, 1913.)
Mr. William Scott, Bury. (British birds.)
Mr. Levi Sutherst, Ashworth. (Fossils.)
Mr. Henry Whitehead, D.L. (Working model of Locomotive Engine.)
Messrs. Yates, Duxbury & Sons. (Old laid foolscap mould and deckle.)

LOANS OF OBJECTS FOR EXHIBITION.

Colonel J. Barlow. (Stone axes from Jamaica.)
Miss Farrow. (Collection of objects from Nigeria.)
Mr. James Benson. (Roman jug.)
Mr. James Shaw. (Antiquarian objects and weapons.)
Mr. D. Page. (Bury broadside.)

Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum. (Four cases of Museum objects.)

Finally, the Committee desire to express their heartiest thanks to all who have made gifts to the Library, Art Gallery, or Museum.

J. K. BUTCHER,
Chairman,

JOHN ASHWORTH,
Deputy Chairman.

Public Library, Art Gallery and Museum, Bury.
November 20, 1913.

Report of the Librarian on the Annual Conference of the Library Association.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting a Report, condensed from "The Athenæum," of the 26th Annual Conference of the Library Association, held at Bournemouth, on September 1st to 5th, which I attended as your delegate.

The chair was taken on Tuesday morning by the President of the coming year (the Earl of Malmesbury), who, after thanking on behalf of the Association the retiring President, delivered his inaugural address. He said that in Bournemouth the library movement had made a great advance by the opening of the noble building in which they were meeting. That movement was of great usefulness, but it largely depended on a practical, real and sympathetic understanding of their complex national life. The development of the educational ideal had to be gradual, normal, and spontaneous, adjusting itself to obstacles, and withstanding the frosts of criticism. The scholar was generally an idealist, but when he became an educationalist he was often a faddist. The President did not believe that lack of education was anything but a grievous hindrance to a man in the race of life, yet they could not indiscriminately administer the same mental pabulum to all alike. The work of the Library Association must ultimately come under the heading of things that appertain to education. One of the first duties of the Association was to further the establishment of reference and lending libraries for the use of the public. That was the greatest educational factor in their scheme, and would become more and more a valuable asset in their national life. Two powerful and unhealthy agencies were at work—the forces of superficiality and cosmopolitanism. One product of this alliance was social discontent and industrial unrest. The weakness of our system was largely due to the presence of political considerations in the drawing up of our educational codes. He was not concerned with defining the line of demarcation between education and literature; their ideal should be to create such a system as would best teach their children how to think. The mistake made by well-meaning fanatics was to persuade themselves that every child was destined to become a literary genius if he was only kept at school long enough, and enough public money was poured upon his defenceless head.

The first two papers had to do with matters of local interest: these were "The Public Library movement in Bournemouth," by Mr. Charles Riddle, Chief Librarian of Bourne-

mouth, and " Some literary Associations of Bournemouth and the neighbourhood," by Mr. C. H. MATE, Chairman of the Bournemouth Education Committee. Mr. H. R. TEDDER, Secretary and Librarian of the Athenæum, London, submitted a paper on " E. W. B. Nicholson, Bodley's Librarian, 1882-1912," with a two-fold object, one being to record the services of Nicholson in relation to the first organisation of the Library Association, and the other to present a picture of a great librarian and a man of fine and striking personality. " Co-operative specializing by Municipal Libraries " was discussed by Mr. A. H. GARSTANG, and the subject of " Planning a Catalogue of Local Literature " was dealt with by Mr. BASIL ANDERTON, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Some of the speakers on the latter question were of opinion that local collections ought not to attempt to include every book written by local men, simply because they were born or lived in the locality.

Mr. J. MCKILLOP, in a paper on " The extension of Public Libraries to Rural districts," set forth the conditions of a useful library service in those areas. The ultimate solution would probably lie in a completely reconstructed library system for the whole country. Mr. E. W. HULME, of the Patent Office Library, considered that voluntary effort had almost entirely failed in rural districts, but a penny rate in a rural district was quite inadequate to provide an efficient library service. Either the municipalities or the State must assist. Mr. L. STANLEY JAST, Chief Librarian, Croydon, and Hon. Secretary of the Association, said the Bill promoted by the Association, which had been on the stocks for many years, would create a county library authority, and would provide the practical machinery required by Mr. MCKILLOP'S suggestions.

On Wednesday, Miss SNOUCK HURGRONJE, of Dordrecht, gave a lantern lecture on " The Libraries of Holland," to which Mr. H. R. TEDDER added an account of the Dutch archives. A paper suggesting " English and American co-operation for an Index to general periodicals " was submitted by Mr. T. W. LYSTER, Librarian of the National Library of Ireland, Dublin, and a resolution was agreed to referring the question to the Council of the Library Association with a view of appointing a committee to report upon the subject. Mr. CHARLES RIDDLE, of Bournemouth, then described " The John B. Camm Music Reference Library," which has been presented to the town, and compared the various schemes of classifying orchestral music.

The proceedings were continued on Thursday morning, when Mr. H. R. TEDDER occupied the Chair in the absence of the President, and presented to the meeting the first volume of the new edition of the "London Library Catalogue." In a paper on "Library facilities for visitors to Holiday Resorts," Mr. H. D. ROBERTS, Chief Librarian and Curator, Brighton, showed what was being done in various parts of the country for the convenience of holiday visitors who wished to borrow books. Mr. L. STANLEY JAST, the Hon. Secretary of the Association, then described his visit to the meeting of the American Library Association in June last. Two developments of Library enterprise in the United States were noticeable, one being the municipal library containing literature on questions of civic interest, and the other the practical library formed by large businesses to collect information relating to their special trade or manufacture. Miss E. S. FEGAN, of the Ladies' College, Cheltenham, had found in America a more perfect organisation for connecting the central library with its branches, and with the schools and debating societies. The majority of American librarians were women. The card catalogue was in use everywhere. The subject of the "Past and present professional training" gave an opportunity to Mr. W. C. BERWICK SAYERS, Sub-Librarian, Croydon Public Libraries, to call attention to the small salaries paid to assistants in many libraries in the country. They numbered about 3,000, of whom one-third were women. Dr. E. A. BAKER, Hon. Secretary of the Education Committee of the Association, hoped that soon all library positions would be filled by persons holding the diploma of the Association. After a long discussion the subject was referred to a Committee to be appointed by the Council.

The Conference concluded with the Annual Business meeting held on Thursday afternoon, when Mr. FALCONER MADAN, Bodley's Librarian, invited the Association to hold a meeting next year at Oxford. The Report of the Association showed that the membership had increased. The prospects of the new Libraries Bill were hopeful, as it had aroused much interest. Among the special reports submitted to the meeting were those on Literature for the Blind and on Book-production, both in pamphlet form.

I beg to thank you, gentlemen, for the opportunity of attending the Conference, and to remain,

Yours obediently,

HARRY TOWNEND.

BORROWERS.

No. of Tickets in actual use :

Adults	3,696
Students' extra tickets	458
Juveniles	992
	5,146

STOCK.

Volumes in Lending Library	14,361
,, Juvenile Library	4,035
Reference Library	6,489
Total Stock	**24,885**

ISSUES.

Lending Library	63,425
Juvenile Library	16,169
Reference Library	14,945
School Libraries	24,016
Total Issue	**118,555**

Comparative Statement of Issues from the various Departments of the Library. 1901—1913.

Year	Lending Department.	Juvenile Department.	Reference Department.	Total.
1901-2	47519	—	1430	48949
1902-3	50019	20103	2714	72836
1903-4	48877	16565	3250	68692
1904-5	56345	17200	6804	80349
1905-6	59472	15177	6799	81448
1906-7	57062	14559	7110	78731
1907-8	65426	12904	8158	86488
1908-9	59220	13957	10911	84088
1909-10	67568	16027	18761	102356
1910-11	57985	17179	13790	88954
1911-12	61651	17322	14338	93311
1912-13	**63425**	**16169**	**14945**	**94539**
Total issues	694569	177162	109010	980741

VISITORS TO THE ART GALLERY.—1901-13.

YEAR.	NO. OF VISITORS.
1901-2	143873
1902-3	107535
1903-4	65225
1904-5	65678
1905-6	58022
1906-7	66913
1907-8	86023
1908-9	57885
1909-10	43365
1910-11	40426
1911-12	52844
1912-13	**48482**
Total visits since opening ...	837271

Issues from the Lending Department.

Class.		1911-1912.	1912-1913.
A	Generalia	3234	**3683**
B—D	Physical Science	3958	**4049**
E, F	Biological Science	669	**657**
G, H	Ethnology and Medicine ...	847	**842**
I	Economic Biology	1281	**1222**
J, K	Philosophy and Religion ...	1345	**1121**
L	Social and Political Science ...	660	**587**
M	Language and Literature ...	1211	**1518**
N	Literary Forms	1742	**2464**
O—W	History, Geography	2754	**2590**
X	Biography	1183	**1262**
Z	Books for the Blind	162	**136**
Fiction		42605	**43294**
Juvenile Library		17322	**16169**
School Libraries		35264	**24016**
	Total Issue...	114237	103610

Issues from the Reference Department.

Class.	1911-1912.	1912-1913
General Works	2658	**3394**
Philosophy	196	**86**
Religion	1132	**557**
Sociology	1033	**941**
Philology	1163	**1395**
Science	776	**792**
Useful Arts...	1418	**1198**
Fine Arts	1215	**1703**
Literature	1276	**1406**
History	3471	**3473**
Total Issue...	14338	**14945**

Form of Bequest.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the Benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

I bequeath

(Books)

(Pictures)

to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personality), for the benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, either for exhibition or for such other purpose as they may deem expedient: and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

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County Borough of Bury.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY, AND MUSEUM.

Thirteenth Annual Report,

1913-1914.

BURY:
PUBLISHED BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE.

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Public Library, Art Gallery, and Museum Committee, 1913-1914.

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Librarian and Curator :

John H. Shaw.

Assistant Curator :

Edward Barker.

Chief Library Assistant :

Alice Dold.

County Borough of Bury.

Public Library, Art Gallery and Museum.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1913-1914.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bury.

GENTLEMEN,

The Committee appointed by you under the provisions of the Public Libraries' Acts have the honour of submitting their Report for the year ending October 9th, 1914.

They direct your attention to the growing popularity and usefulness of the Institution under their control, as shown by the issues from the Lending Library—which are more numerous than at any time since the opening of the building—the increased use of the Juvenile and School Libraries, and the steady maintenance of the reading in the Reference Library. On the other hand, they regret that in spite of the loan exhibitions, the Art Gallery and Museum have been visited by fewer persons than last year, although the figures have not fallen so low as in some former years.

The stock of books in all departments now totals 25,556 volumes, which, without considering the books lent from the Schools, have been used to the extent of 100,725 issues (an increase of 6,186 over last year), bringing the total number for the thirteen years to 1,081,466 issues. The proportion of fiction reading to the total issue of books is 46 per cent., and to the issue of the Lending Library only, 54.2 per cent.; 6,342 borrowers' tickets are in use in the Lending and Juvenile Libraries. No account is taken in these totals of the School Libraries, which are set out separately in another part of this report. The Art Gallery turnstiles record 47,445 visits, a decrease of 1,037.

The "Library Bulletin," a list of books added to the Libraries, has been issued regularly throughout the year, and has kept readers informed of the progress of the Institution.

The Committee have to report the receipt of a large number of donations to the Library and Museum, some of them of great interest and considerable value. They will be found set forth in detail on pages 6 and 8.

As during former years, the books proposed to be added to the Libraries have been carefully considered by the Book-Selection Sub-committee, with a view to strengthening the Library in all branches of literature.

Alice Stott and Stanley Auty have attended the classes for Library Assistants at the Manchester School of Technology for their second year's course, and have taken the sixth and seventh places respectively in the examination lists. The Committee regret that these classes are to be discontinued at the end of the present session.

Your Committee desire to place on record their great regret at the death, on May 30th, of Colonel O. O. Walker, V.D., D.L., and their deep appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him as Chairman of the Art Gallery and Library Committee, from its formation in 1897, until November, 1906.

There have been several changes in the Staff during the period under review. In July, Mr. Harry Townend resigned his position as your Librarian and Curator, which he had held for ten years, to take up duties as Director and Curator of the Aberdeen Art Gallery, and Mr. John H. Shaw, the Sub-Librarian, was promoted to fill the vacancy. Mr. Edward Barker was appointed Assistant Curator of the Art Gallery and Museum, and Miss Alice Dold Chief Assistant in the Libraries. Two members of the Staff—Messrs. Stanley Auty, Library Assistant, and Frank Holding, Caretaker—are serving with the 5th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers (Territorials), and their places have been filled temporarily.

The Annual Conference of the Library Association, which was to have been held in Oxford, was abandoned in consequence of the war.

Your Committee have acquired the land and buildings formerly used as the Dispensary, situated at the corner of Moss Street and Knowsley Street, and the purchase has been paid from the Grundy Bequest. The property has been rented by the Education Committee.

The Libraries were open on 300 days, the Museum on 310 days, and the Art Gallery and Reading Rooms on 362 days.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The number of books consulted in this department is 14,900, a decrease of 45 compared with the issue of last year. 6,744 volumes are on the shelves, 255 of which have been added since the last Report. It is not possible to give an exact account of the use of the books on the open shelves, as many are replaced by those who use them, and so no record of their issue is made. It is evident, however, from the number of people who are in the habit of consulting these works, that the privilege of free access to works of reference is appreciated. The Committee feel that this Department requires many more books, especially of a technical character, to make it of the utmost use to students.

The classification of the books in this Library is now almost completed, and the re-arrangement of the books in accordance with it will shortly be made.

The following are some of the most important works added during the year, mainly purchased from the Grundy bequest :—

Armstrong—The Peel collection and the Dutch School of Painting.

Cescinsky—English Furniture of the Eighteenth Century. 2 vols.

Corot—Landscapes : Reproductions in Colour.

Coward—The Fauna of Cheshire. 2 vols. (Donation).

Garstang—Burial Customs of Ancient Egypt.

Humphries—Oriental Carpets.

Morrison—Painters of Japan. 2 vols.

Prestwich—Geology. 2 vols.

Prideaux—Aquatint Engraving.

Redlich—Procedure of the House of Commons. 3 vols.

Smith—Catalogue raisonné of the works of Dutch and Flemish Painters. 9 vols.

Smyth—History of the Lancashire Fusiliers. 2 vols. (Donation).

Suess—Face of the Earth. 4 vols.

Suffolk and Berkshire (Earl)—Encyclopædia of Sports and Games. 4 vols.

Sutcliffe—The Modern Carpenter, Joiner, and Cabinet-maker. 8 vols.
Taylor—Birds of a County Palatine.
Thorpe—Dictionary of Applied Chemistry. Vol. 5.
Victoria History of the County of Lancaster. Vol. 8.

LENDING LIBRARY.

The number of books issued for home reading totals 68,346 volumes, an increase of 4,921.

4,416 ordinary tickets are now in use, and, in addition, 679 students' and teachers' tickets, available for books other than fiction. 436 borrowers have renewed their tickets, and 365 cards have been withdrawn or cancelled.

The Catalogue of books on Language and Literature, published last year, has been greatly appreciated by the public. A further list, dealing with the sections Natural History, Fine, Recreative, and Useful Arts is in the hands of the printer, and will be issued at an early date.

Twelve books have been detained by the Medical Officer of Health, having been in the houses of persons suffering from infectious diseases.

The Committee continue to borrow books from the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society's Library, to which they make an annual subscription. 155 books have been issued to the blind, an increase of 19. Three periodicals in the Braille type—two monthly and one weekly—are placed on the Reference Library tables.

The Music Library is still an increasingly popular feature of the Lending department, and has been enriched during the year by the valuable gifts of Mrs. Bruce and Miss Wrigley, and the Bury and District Musical Festival Association.

Persons not rated, resident or employed within the borough are allowed the full privileges of the Library on payment of a subscription of 1s. 3d. quarterly. 17 Borrowers are using the Libraries on these terms.

804 books have been added to this department, and 388 withdrawn as worn-out or incomplete. The total stock is now 14,777 volumes.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The issue of books from the Juvenile Library has increased from 16,169 to 17,479, a net gain of 1,310. In addition, 2,078 books have been sent to 18 of the elementary schools of the borough, and have circulated to the extent of 27,591 issues, an increase of 3,575. The Committee are gratified to note the revival of interest in this department, and are much indebted to the Head Teachers for their co-operation in this most useful work.

The following particulars show the issues from each school :—

All Saints', 1,240; Bircle, 1,160; Brunswick, 1,860; Chesham, 780; Christian Church, 1,240; Clerke Street, 3,900; East Ward Council, 2,880; Elton Council, 3,705; Guardian Angels', 264; Holy Trinity, 1,280; Parish Church, 110; St. John's, 200; St. Joseph's, 500; St. Mary's, 3,145; St. Paul's (Bell), 780; St. Paul's (Huntley), 925; St. Thomas's, 3,376; Walmersley, 246.

In three of the Schools, Brunswick, Clerke Street, and St. Mary's the books are not lent for home reading, but are read in the school under the supervision of a teacher, during the "silent reading" lesson.

The Juvenile Library stock is 4,035 volumes, of which 247 have been added during the year. Three books have been detained by the Medical Officer of Health, and 247 withdrawn for various reasons.

1,247 borrowers' tickets, in addition to those in use at the schools, are current. 127 have been withdrawn or cancelled, and 122 have been renewed.

READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms continue to be a most useful factor in the work of the Institution; they are used by more than 500 persons daily. In the evenings the accommodation is taxed, especially in the womens' room, to its utmost capacity.

Donors to the Libraries.

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ART GALLERY.

The work of the Art Gallery has again maintained its interest. Two exhibitions have been held, the first—opened by the Chairman (Alderman J. K. Butcher) on February 28th—included a series of Drawings and Sketches by J. M. W. Turner, R.A., loaned from the National Gallery, and a collection of historical water-colours from the South Kensington Museum, illustrating the rise and development of English water-colour art. A second series of water-colour paintings, also from South Kensington, was opened by the Mayoress (Mrs. Hacking) on May 23rd, and will remain on view until December 5th. The Trustees of the National Gallery have promised other loans of pictures in the near future.

A Mayoral "At Home" was held in the Art Gallery on November 25th.

Permission has been granted to 69 students for the copying of pictures since the opening of the Gallery.

Nine photographs of the pictures, 64 Illustrated Catalogues, 5 Guides to the Gallery, 327 Catalogues of the Exhibitions, and 1,444 Picture Post-cards have been sold.

The turnstiles have registered the number of visitors since the opening in October, 1901, as 884,716, and the number during the last twelve months as 47,445, a decrease compared with the previous year of 1,037.

MUSEUM.

Many additions have been made to the Museum. The Committee have purchased a number of old Calico Prints, an old block used in Calico-printing, and more than 100 specimens of British birds.

An especially interesting loan is the model of the Japanese battleship "Hatsuse," received from Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, through the influence of Henry Whitehead, Esq., D.L.

A new wall-case has been provided for the British birds, and the collection has been re-arranged, classified, and properly labelled.

The objects in the four cases lent from the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, were changed in April. The new collection consists of Turkish and Persian textile fabrics, wrought-iron work, wood-carving, and modern pottery.

Your Committee hope to carry out an extension to the Museum during the next twelve months.

No separate record is kept of the number of visitors to the Museum alone, these being included in the Art Gallery figures.

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Halliwell, Bury. (Two coots shot at Bury and Elton Reservoir.)

Anonymous. (Red Abalone shell: haliotis, found on the Californian coast.)

Mr. Bertwistle, Tottington. (Collection of birds and butterflies.)

Mr. J. R. G. Grundy, Blackpool. (Framed copy of the "Magna Charta," from an original in the Cottonian Library.)

Mr. T. Killon, Bury. (Cobra—poisonous snake from India. Mongoose in the coils of a cobra. Porcupine-fish from the Indian Ocean.)

Mr. John Malone, Bury. (Section of Atlantic cable, showing method of wrapping.)

Mr. H. Mowe, Bury. (Old revolver, found at Throstle Hill Farm in 1906.)

Mr. William Pollard, Bury. (Heron, shot in Bury.)

Mr. J. Rothwell, Kirklees, Tottington. (East Lancashire Railway time-table for January, 1849. Ticket issued on Holcombe Brook line, November 6, 1882 (No. 1.). Toll Ticket issued at Woolfold gate, August, 1839.)

Mr. J. Satterthwaite, Bury. (Engraving by J. Sharples.)

Mr. Fred C. Smith, Bury. (Barn owl and Amazon parrot.)

Mr. C. Vickerman, Bury. (Two young sparrow-hawks.)

Mr. J. W. Wild, Bury. (Sections of Atlantic cable.)

Mr. Rd. Wild, Bury. (Sparrowhawk.)

LOANS OF OBJECTS FOR EXHIBITION.

Miss Farrow. (Collection of objects from Nigeria.)
Mr. James Benson. (Roman jug.)
Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth, Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (Model of Japanese battleship "Hatsuse.")
Mr. James Shaw. (Antiquarian objects and weapons.)
Mr. D. Page. (Bury broadside.)
Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum. (Four cases of Museum objects.)

Tables showing the number, classification, and comparative tables of the volumes issued, the Library stock and Art Gallery visits, are appended to this report.

Finally, the Committee desire to express their heartiest thanks to all who have made gifts, or contributed loans, to the Libraries, Art Gallery or Museum.

J. K. BUTCHER,
Chairman.

JOHN ASHWORTH,
Deputy-Chairman.

Public Library, Art Gallery and Museum, Bury, November, 19, 1914.

BORROWERS.

No. of Tickets in actual use :

Adults	4,416
Students' extra tickets	679
Juveniles	1,247
	6,342

STOCK.

Volumes in Lending Library	14,777
,, Juvenile Library	4,035
,, Reference Library	6,744
	25,556

ISSUES.

Lending Library	68,346
Juvenile Library	17,479
Reference Library	14,900
School Libraries	27,591
Total Issue	**128,316**

Comparative Statement of Issues from the various Departments of the Library. 1901—1914.

Year.	Lending Department.	Juvenile Department.	Reference Department.	Total.
1901-2	47519	—	1430	48949
1902-3	50019	20103	2714	72836
1903-4	48877	16565	3250	68692
1904-5	56345	17200	6804	80349
1905-6	59472	15177	6799	81448
1906-7	57062	14559	7110	78731
1907-8	65426	12904	8158	86488
1908-9	59220	13957	10911	84088
1909-10	67568	16027	18761	102356
1910-11	57985	17179	13790	88954
1911-12	61651	17322	14338	93311
1912-13	63425	16169	14945	94539
1913-14	**68346**	**17479**	**14900**	**100725**
Total issues	762915	194641	123910	1081466

VISITORS TO THE ART GALLERY.—1901-1914.

YEAR.	NO. OF VISITORS.
1901-2	142873
1902-3	107535
1903-4	65225
1904-5	65678
1905-6	58022
1906-7	66913
1907-8	86023
1908-9	57885
1909-10	45365
1910-11	40426
1911-12	52844
1912-13	48482
1913-14	**47445**

Total visits since opening ... 884,716

Issues from the Lending Department.

Class.		1912-1213.	1913-1914.
A	Generalia	3683	**3574**
B—D	Physical Science	4049	**4044**
E, F	Biological Science	657	**654**
G, H	Ethnology and Medicine ...	842	**905**
I	Economic Biology	1222	**1387**
J, K	Philosophy and Religion ...	1121	**1333**
L	Social and Politicial Science ...	587	**557**
M	Language and Literature ...	1518	**1579**
N	Literary Forms	2464	**3267**
O—W	History and Geography... ...	2590	**3119**
X	Biography	1262	**1024**
Z	Books for the Blind	136	**155**
Fiction	... ...	43294	**46748**
Juvenile Library	... ...	16169	**17479**
School Libraries	... ...	24016	**27591**
	Total Issue...	103610	113416

Issues from the Reference Department.

Class	1912-1913.	1913-1914.
General Works	3394	**2721**
Philosophy	86	**81**
Religion	557	**598**
Sociology	941	**1151**
Philology	1395	**1411**
Science	792	**795**
Useful Arts	1198	**1469**
Fine Arts	1703	**1870**
Literature	1406	**1460**
History	3473	**3344**
Total Issue...	14945	**14900**

Form of Bequest.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the Benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

I bequeath

(Books)

(Pictures)

to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personality), for the benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, either for exhibition or for such other purpose as they may deem expedient: and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

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Company
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County Borough of Bury.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY, AND MUSEUM.

Fourteenth Annual Report,

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Public Library, Art Gallery, and Museum Committee, 1914-15.

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor James Hacking, J.P.

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John H. Shaw.

Assistant Curator :

Edward Barker.

Chief Library Assistant :

Alice Dold.

County Borough of Bury.

Public Library, Art Gallery & Museum.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1914-1915.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bury.

GENTLEMEN,

The Committee appointed by you under the provisions of the Public Libraries' Acts have the honour of submitting their Report for the year ending October 9th, 1915.

They are pleased to record a retention of public interest in the Institution under their control, as instanced by the increased issues from the Lending and Juvenile Libraries and the great use made of the School Libraries. Fewer books have been consulted in the Reference Library, and it is believed that the decreased issue is due to the fact that so many who were readers are now serving in His Majesty's forces. The Art Gallery and Museum, too, have been visited by fewer persons than last year.

The stock of books in all departments is now **25,449** volumes, which, without considering the books lent from the Schools, have been circulated to the extent of **97,026** issues, making a grand total of **1,178,492** since the opening in 1901. The proportion of fiction reading to the issue from all departments is 47.9%, and to that of the Lending Library only, **54%**. **5,723** borrowers' tickets—an increase of 381—are current in the Lending and Juvenile Libraries, although it is obvious that a number of the Adult borrowers are not using their cards at the present time. No account is taken in these totals of the School Libraries, the particulars of which are set out separately in another part of this report. The Art Gallery turnstiles record **12,475** visits.

The "Library Bulletin" has been issued regularly throughout the year, and has kept readers informed of the books added to the Libraries.

Many donations have been received, for which the Committee have expressed their thanks. A list of the Donors will be found on page 5.

The Committee have to record, with gratitude, that in December last a further sum of £2,108 10s. was received from Mr. Samuel Woodcock, Solicitor, as administrator with the will of the late Mrs. Helen Grundy, of Summerseat, being part of her Residuary Trust Estate; this amount has been invested, and the interest will be used for Library purposes.

As in former years, the books proposed to be added have been carefully considered by the Book Selection Sub-Committee, with a view to strengthening the Library in all branches of literature.

The system of heating the water for cleaning purposes was entirely renewed at the beginning of last winter.

Alice Stott, an Assistant in the Library, has attended the Classes for Library Assistants at the Manchester School of Technology, and has passed with distinction the examinations for the final course. Two members of the staff—Stanley Auty and Frank Holding—are serving in France with the 2nd/5th Lancashire Fusiliers, and their places have been filled temporarily.

Your Librarian attended the Annual Meeting of the Library Association held in London, as a delegate of the Committee, and submitted a report of the proceedings.

The Libraries were open on 301 days, the Museum on 310 days, and the Art Gallery and Reading Rooms on 362 days.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The number of books issued from this department is **10,815,** a decrease of 4,085 compared with the issue of last year. This cannot be regarded as fully representing the work of the Reference Library; many of the books consulted from the "open shelves" are replaced by the readers who use them, and no record of their issue is made. It is evident, however, that the privilege of free access to works of reference is appreciated. **159** volumes—mainly purchased from the Grundy bequest—have been added since the last report, and three volumes transferred to the Lending Library. The stock of books is now **6,900.**

The Committee desire to develop the "Local collection" in the Reference Library, and to that end would be pleased to receive any gifts of books, pamphlets, broadsides, or magazines printed locally, or bearing upon the History and Topography of Bury and district. Valuable contributions in this direction have been received from Mrs. J. R. G. Grundy and Mr. William Hewitson.

LENDING LIBRARY,

68,530 volumes have been circulated for home reading, an increase of 184, and this issue is the highest recorded since the opening of the Library.

4,644 ordinary tickets are current, and **712** students' and teachers' tickets, available for books other than fiction. 764 cards have been cancelled, and 435 borrowers have renewed their tickets.

A further section of the printed Catalogue has been published, dealing with the books in classes A, Generalia; E, F, Biological Science; G, H, Ethnological and Medical Science; and I, Domestic and Useful Arts. It is hoped to complete the section O—W, History and Geography, at an early date.

Seven books, taken from the houses of persons suffering from infectious diseases, have been destroyed by the Medical Officer of Health.

Your Committee continue to borrow books from the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society's Library, to which they subscribe annually. The issue of books to the blind is 141, a decrease of 14. Three periodicals in the Braille type—two monthly and one weekly—are taken in the Reference room.

Persons not resident, rated, or employed within the Borough are allowed the full privileges of the Library on payment of a quarterly subscription of 1/3. Eighteen borrowers are using the Libraries on these terms.

461 volumes have been added to this department and 359 withdrawn as worn-out or incomplete. The total stock is now **14,879.**

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The issue of books from the Juvenile Library has increased from 17,479 to **17,681**, a net gain of 202. In addition, 1,722 books have been sent to 18 of the elementary schools of the borough, and have circulated to the extent of **27,216** issues, a decrease of 375. The Committee are much indebted to the Head Teachers for their co-operation in this most useful work.

The following particulars show the issues from each school ;—

All Saints', 1,155; Bircle, 1,000; Brunswick, 1,333; Chesham, 1,720; Christian Church, 1,330; Clerke Street, 2,050; East Ward Council, 2,296; Elton Council, 1,750; Guardian Angels', 912; Holy Trinity, 1,440; Parish Church, 345; St. John's, 1,260; St. Joseph's, 2,880; St. Mark's, 1,260; St. Mary's, 3,145; St. Paul's (Bell), 660; St. Paul's (Huntley), 936; St. Thomas's, 2,000; Walmersley, 244.

In three of the schools the books are not lent for home reading, but are read in school during the "silent reading" lesson.

The stock of the Juvenile Library is **3,670** volumes, of which 70 have been added during the year. Seven books were detained by the Medical Officer of Health, and 435 withdrawn from circulation for various reasons.

1,367 borrowers' tickets are in use, in addition to those current at the schools. 282 have been cancelled, and 147 renewed.

READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms continue to be a most useful factor in the work of the Institution; it is estimated that they are used by more than 500 persons daily. In the evening the accommodation is taxed to its utmost capacity.

Donors to the Libraries.

Rev. E. C. Bennett, M.A., Bury
Mr. J. Bibby, Liverpool.
Mrs. Bruce & Miss Wrigley, Bury
Mrs. A. E. Burrow, Bury
Rev. J. G. Deaville, Southport
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Mr. William Hewitson, Bury
Rev. W. H. Howlett, M.A., Bury
Mr. John Moran, Starling
Rev. C. S. Phillips, M.A., Bury
Mr. J. Rothwell, Tottington
Miss E. G. Shaw, Bury
Mr. G. T. Shaw, Liverpool
Mr. C. W. Sutton, M.A., Manchester
Mr. C. Tonge, St. Margaret's Bay
Mr. W. A. Tonge, Disley
The Agent-General for the Commonwealth of Australia
The High Commissioner for Australia
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries
Trustees of the British Museum, London
Trustees of the British Museum (Natural History), London
Board of Management of the Bury Infirmary
Bury and District Free Church Council
Bury and District Charity Organisation Society
Bury Corporation :
Town Clerk
Borough Treasurer
Director of Education
Electrical Engineer
Borough Engineer
Medical Officer of Health
Tramways Manager
Sewage Works Manager.
Superintendent of the Fire Brigade
Commissioner for Canada, Liverpool
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester
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H.M. Patent Office, London
Incorporated Society of Musicians
Institute of Chartered Accountants, London
Messrs. C. & E. Layton, London
Messrs. Mather and Crowther, London
National Union of Teachers
Messrs. J. & J. Paton, London
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Messrs. Sells Ltd., London
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Messrs. Town and Country Directories Ltd., Glasgow
Trustees of Trinity College of Music
Victoria University, Manchester
University College of Wales, Aberystwyth
University Correspondence College, London

Reports and Catalogues have been received from many Public Libraries, Art Galleries, and Museums; Time-tables from the various Railway Companies, and a number of Newspapers and Periodicals from their respective publishers.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

The Historical collection of Water-colour Drawings of the British School, lent by the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington—reported last year—remained in the Gallery until December 6th, and in March the Committee obtained a loan from the Trustees of the National Gallery of eleven pictures from the "Chantrey bequest." These were on exhibition until August 22nd.

Consequent upon the military regulations in regard to Lighting, issued in March, the Art Gallery and Museum was closed each day at dusk.

Your Committee are pleased to report a valuable addition to the Art Gallery. Under the will of the late Mrs. Aitken, of Bodelwyddan Castle, formerly of Holcombe Hall, they have received a collection of Oil Paintings, Water Colours, and Engravings, bequeathed to them in memory of the late Mr. Thomas Aitken. A report on the pictures has been received from the Art Adviser, and, awaiting a further interpretation of the terms of the bequest, the matter is in abeyance.

The objects in the four cases lent from the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, were changed in May, and the new collection consists of Italian velvets; Embroideries; English earthenware; Leather work, and Bookbinding, along with eleven wall-frames of Embroideries and Textile fabrics.

A loan of exceptional interest has been received from Messrs. Ashworth and Parker, who have kindly fitted up an early example of a two crank tandem High Speed Steam Engine alongside the old Beam Engine presented by them some years ago.

In the early part of the year the Committee considered the question of developing the Museum on certain defined lines, and adopted a report on the matter which had been prepared by the Curator. It was agreed to classify and group the exhibits into four main divisions, namely :—

(A) Natural History.
(B) Industrial Arts.
(C) Local History.
(D) General.

Certain extensions to the Museum, which your Committee had intended to carry out, are held over for the present.

LOANS OF MUSEUM OBJECTS FOR EXHIBITION.

Messrs. Ashworth & Parker. (Early type of High-speed Engine.)
Miss Farrow. (Collection of objects from Nigeria.)
Mr. James Benson. (Roman jug.)
Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth, Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (Model of Japanese battleship "Hatsuse".)
Mr. James Shaw. (Antiquarian objects and weapons.)
Mr. D. Page. (Bury broadside.)
Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum. (Four cases of Museum objects and eleven wall-frames.)

Permission has been granted to 71 students for the copying of pictures since the opening of the Gallery.

Six photographs of the pictures, 40 Illustrated Catalogues, 12 Guides to the Gallery, and 1,403 Picture Post-cards have been sold.

The turnstiles have registered the number of visitors since the opening in October, 1901, as **927,191**, and the number during the last twelve months as **42,475**, a decrease compared with the previous year of 4,975. The Committee regret this decline in the attendances, which they believe is due, in part, to the earlier closing of the building.

Tables showing the number, classification, and comparative statements of the volumes issued, the Library stock and Art Gallery visits, are appended to this report.

Finally, the Committee desire to express their heartiest thanks to all who have made gifts, or contributed loans, to the Libraries, Art Gallery, or Museum.

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JOHN ASHWORTH,
Deputy-Chairman.

Public Library, Art Gallery and Museum, Bury,
November 18, 1915.

Report of the Librarian on the Conference of the Library Association.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my report of the proceedings of the 38th Annual meeting of the Library Association, held at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on August 31st, September 1st and 2nd, which I attended as your delegate.

The Conference opened on Tuesday morning, when the President, Mr. J. Y. W. MacAlister, F.S.A., Secretary and Consulting Librarian of the Royal Society of Medicine, delivered his inaugural address. He said that no one at this time could feel any real interest in an address on libraries and librarianship; to-day we had but one absorbing interest. Librarians might justly be proud that out of about 3,000 persons engaged in library work 400 were under arms, bearing in mind that the 3,000 included many women, men beyond the age limit, and juniors below military age. To them, as librarians, it might seem that the burning of the Library of Louvain and the campaign of destruction which was summed up in that particular act were the outstanding facts of the war; but there were much bigger facts to think about. There was one respect in which, among nations, Germany stood alone, she was the one educated society in which the intellect and the spirit of the whole nation had been subjected to a minutely organized process of drilling, forcing, and moulding which was without parallel. From the moment the young German first entered his State school, right through his educational career, in his army service, in his university, his mind was never free. He acquired Scholarship, Science, Art, but in the process of learning was entirely under orders. Germany, with all its knowledge, power, method, and energy of mind and soul, was a nation deprived of freedom; it was in that most hopeless state of slavery in which the slave did not know he was not free. Like the blind community in Mr. Wells' "Country of the blind" they had forgotten even the meaning of sight, and when the man who could see went among them, he seemed to them to be merely a madman babbling of meaningless things. Librarians were the keepers and distributors of perhaps the one force that could effectively fight against and resist the process of intellectual enslavement which, as exhibited in Germany, was at the root of the horror that had overshadowed our civilization. They could play a great part in the fight—for a fight was needed in this country—against the constant danger of stereotyped teaching in over-organized and over-centralized schools and colleges. With the fruits of the world's thinking on their shelves, librarians could give to the young impressionable minds a never failing store of weapons to help them to assert that freedom to think, to choose, and to believe for themselves.

Col. Sir E. W. D. Ward, K.C.B., followed with an account of "The Work of the Camps Library." He explained at length the scheme in operation for providing literature for our soldiers. The Camps Library owed its origin to the desire of the people of the Homeland to prepare in every way for the arrival of their oversea brethren to join the great army. Large quantities of books were sent out to Egypt for the Australians and New Zealanders, special tents were provided in the camps of the Canadian contingent on Salisbury Plain, and a much larger enterprise of providing libraries in the camps of the Territorials and new armies all over the United Kingdom was then undertaken. A system was organized under which, once a fortnight, boxes of books were sent to every unit in the Expeditionary Force. The Postmaster-General came to their aid, and the post offices throughout the country had become their collecting depots; books or magazines handed over

the counter of a post office, unaddressed, untied, and without packing, were forwarded to the Camps Library's headquarters in Westminster. The previous week the contributions from the places outside the metropolitan postal area were over 160,000, and the daily receipts averaged approximately 20,000. Since they had started, the Camps Library had sent out to our troops over a million books and magazines. In the discussion which followed the reading of this paper, Alderman Leslie, Chairman of the Liverpool Library Committee, referred to a similar organisation in Liverpool, which had sent something like 62,000 books and magazines to Liverpool soldiers.

"What Public Libraries can do during and after the war" a paper by Mr. L. Stanley Jast, Chief Librarian of Croydon, was concerned with the special functions which Libraries could discharge during the conflict in which we were engaged. He urged that the Public Library was the one great agency which could help us in fighting intellectual Germany, with which, equally with material Germany, we were at war, by providing literature which would enable the people to understand the causes of the present conflict, the meaning of the civilization for which the Allies stood, and the values of the various ideas and conceptions of the human mind. Another direction in which the Library could help was to provide avenues of escape from too much thinking about the war; the intense and worried pre-occupation with the war, letting the war fill every chink in our thoughts, was a sign of weakness, not of strength. If only people would put a strict limit on the amount of attention they gave to the daily Press, and instead devote some time every day to the reading of a good book, we should have a steadier and a far more effective national state of mind. If we were to make the best use of the victory which would certainly be ours, we must consider now how we were going to meet the aftermath of victory. It was said that nothing would be the same after the war as it was before it; many issues will be changed, some new problems will press for solution, but many of the old issues will still be before us. If the mass of the people would seize the present opportunity by reading the best literature on either side of those questions of politics and history which are concerned with the present and future conditions of Europe, the future of our country and of the empire would be assured. Mr. Jast suggested the preparation by the Library Association, of a select list of the best and most suitable books on subjects deserving of special study during the war, the list to be printed and distributed by public libraries.

In the afternoon the Annual business meeting was held, and afterwards visits of inspection were paid to various libraries.

The Conference was resumed on Wednesday morning when, following upon a discussion of the previous day, on the matter of the Local Government Board's circular advising economical administration, the Council submitted the resolution, which was carried unanimously:—

> "That this conference is in entire agreement with the desire expressed in the recent circular letter of the Local Government Board proposing careful inquiry as to the possibility of economies in municipal expenditure; but they would express their earnest hope that nothing will be done to impair the efficiency and usefulness of public libraries, which have now been established after much effort and at a comparatively small cost to local authorities. The necessity for maintaining these libraries at the highest point of real efficiency has never, in the opinion of this conference, been more important than now, when the public are anxious to have the fullest and most reliable information and guidance on many subjects of the most vital consequence to the nation."

The remainder of the session was devoted to the consideration of the recent "Report on Library provision and policy," submitted by Prof. W. G. S. Adams to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees, who were making enquiries as to the policy to be pursued by them in dealing with the large sum—probably £100,000 a year—which would be at their disposal.

Mr. John Ballinger, M.A., Librarian of the National Library of Wales, submitted some "General considerations arising out of the report;" and Mr. G. E. Roebuck, Chief Librarian of Walthamstow, discussed the "Statistical tables." The amount of Mr. Carnegie's benefactions had reached £1,700,000, and the total issues of books from Public Libraries in the United Kingdom for the year 1913-14 was 55½ millions. In his paper "Criticisms and suggestions relating to Carnegie Library benefactions," Mr. Henry Bond, Chief Librarian of Portsmouth, said that judging from the extracts in Prof. Adams's report, the Carnegie grants had given an incalculable impetus to the Library movement. If the Trustees desired to depart from the usual practices of Mr. Carnegie, he thought the only wise thing that could be done at all generally would be to make grants of money for the redemption of loans. The smaller libraries were by no means the only ones which required increased funds for books. In proportion to the population served, many of the larger towns were as poor in this respect as the smaller ones. If grants for books were to be made at all, he was in agreement with those who recommended that they be made solely for the development of the Reference Library or the purchase of Technical books. Mr. L. Stanley Jast (Croydon) dealt with "The question of Over-building." In this direction, alongside of much good, a certain amount of harm had been done; libraries had been provided, in many cases, involving a scale of expenditure on upkeep which left insufficient means for the main purpose and object of the library. So far as the Trust was concerned, it could avoid giving any support to the desire to erect buildings at the expense of everything else which made a library, by refusing grants in cases in which it was satisfied that the effect would be to drain unduly the resources of the authority asking the request.

"The establishment of Rural Libraries" was the subject of some remarks from Mr. Butler Wood, Librarian of Bradford. All were agreed that the County Council should replace the Parish Council as the library authority, that co-operation among authorities should be effected as far as possible, and that a system of travelling libraries suitable to the need of rural districts should be established. It was undesirable that these libraries should be in the hands of the educational authority. Mr. Wood outlined a scheme for the establishment and working of rural Libraries, adding that the Carnegie trustees had decided on a number of experiments.

In the afternoon a series of "round-table Conferences" or informal discussions, under selected chairmen, were held on "Branch Buildings erected within the last two years," (Mr. G. T. Shaw, Liverpool), chairman; "Classification and Cataloguing of Books on the War," (Mr. W. E. Doubleday, Hampstead); "Revision of Stock," (Mr. W. Powell, Birmingham); and "The Effect of the War on Library Administration," (Mr. Herbert Jones Kensington). The day's proceedings concluded with a visit to the Patent Office Library.

At Thursday morning's session the papers read were in the nature of reviews of the literature the war has produced. "Medicine and Hygiene" was dealt with by Dr. Percy Dunn, F.R.C.S., consulting opthalmic surgeon to the West London Hospital. He referred to an important medical war book issued by the French military surgeon, Edmond Delorme, describing the methods of French Army surgery. Mr. E. A. Savage, Librarian of Coventry, in "Origins, Causes, and Inspiring Ideas," gave reviews of six remarkable books. At the conclusions of his remarks he pleaded for a higher

standard in the choice of newspapers for the Reading Room. In buying books, the Librarian selected only the best, and in like manner preference should be given to periodicals representative of journalism of the highest repute.

In the course of his paper on the "Histories and descriptions of operations," CAPTAIN A. HILLIARD ATTERIDGE deplored the disappearance of the War Correspondent. Perhaps it was inevitable, but we lost the evidence of the trained onlooker—the carefully censored telegram and the belated official despatch could not raise the same enthusiasm as the stirring word-pictures of such men as the Russells and the Forbes of the wars of the past. Other papers contributed were "Economic questions, Trade, and International law," by MR. J. E. G. DE MONTMORENCY, M.A., L.L.B., Lecturer in the University of Cambridge; "Pure Literature and Art," by DR. E. A. BAKER, M.A.; and "Bibliography and Select Lists," by MR. R. A. PEDDIE, Librarian of the Technical Library, St. Bride Foundation Institute. Mr. Peddie urged upon Librarians the importance of recording the publication of books and pamphlets printed in their various localities.

The afternoon was spent in a visit to Dulwich College Library, and in the evening there was a reception by the President, at the Royal Society of Medicine.

During the week exhibitions were on view of the "Best books published recently," and "Books, Maps, Prints, and Pamphlets relating to the war."

In conclusion, I have to thank you, Gentlemen, for the privilege of attending a most interesting and profitable conference.

Yours obediently,

JOHN H. SHAW.

BORROWERS.

No. of borrowers on register :—

Adults	4,644
Students' extra tickets	712
Juveniles	1,367
	6,723

STOCK.

Volumes in Lending Library.....	14,879
,, Juvenile Library.....	3,670
,, Reference Library	6,900
	25,449

ISSUES.

Lending Library	68,530
Juvenile Library	17,681
Reference Library	10,815
School Libraries	27,216
	124,242

Comparative Statement of Issues from the various Departments of the Library. 1901—1915.

Year.	Lending Department.	Juvenile Department.	Reference Department.	Total.
1901-2	47519	—	1430	48949
1902-3	50019	20103	2714	72836
1903-4	48877	16565	3250	68692
1904-5	5 '345	17200	6804	80349
1905-6	59472	15177	6799	81448
1906-7	57062	14559	7110	78731
1907-8	65426	12904	8158	86488
1908-9	59220	13957	10911	84088
1909-10	67568	16027	18761	102356
1910-11	57985	17179	13790	88954
1911-12	61651	17322	14338	93311
1912-13	63425	16169	14945	94539
1913-14	68346	17479	14900	100725
1914-15	**68530**	**17681**	**10815**	**97026**
Total issues	831445	212322	134725	1178492

VISITORS TO THE ART GALLERY—1901-1915.

YEAR.	NO. OF VISITORS.
1901-2	142873
1902-3	107535
1903-4	65225
1904-5	65678
1905-6	58022
1906-7	66913
1907-8	86023
1908-9	57885
1909-10	45365
1910-11	40426
1911-12	52844
1912-13	48482
1913-14	47445
1914-15	**42475**

Total visits since opening ... 927,191

Issues from the Lending Department.

Class.		1913-1914	1914-1915
A	Generalia	3574	**3846**
B—D	Physical Science	4044	**4209**
E, F	Biological Science	654	**647**
G, H	Ethnology and Medicine ...	905	**893**
I	Economic Biology	1387	**1362**
J, K	Philosophy and Religion ..	1333	**1289**
L	Social and Political Science ...	557	**350**
M	Language, Literature, &c. ...	1579	**1770**
N	Literary Forms	3267	**3555**
O—W	History and Geography ...	3119	**2785**
X	Biography	1024	**1170**
Z	Books for the Blind	155	**141**
Fiction		46748	**46513**
Juvenile Library		17479	**17681**
School Libraries		27591	**27216**
	Total Issue...	113416	**113427**

Issues from the Reference Department.

Class.	1913-1914	1914-1915
General Works	2721	**2349**
Philosophy	81	**75**
Religion	598	**370**
Sociology	1151	**737**
Philology...	1411	**906**
Science	795	**413**
Useful Arts	1469	**1112**
Fine Arts	1870	**1227**
Literature	1460	**993**
History	3344	**2633**
Total Issue...	14900	**10815**

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free from Legacy Duty, for the Benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

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County Borough of Bury.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY, AND MUSEUM.

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Public Library, Art Gallery, and Museum Committee, 1915-1916.

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L. Fletcher, J.P.

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R. B. Hardman.
W. Jamieson.
S. Kay, J.P.
P. Stock.
S. H. Wilkinson.
T. Woodcock, J.P.

Librarian and Curator :
John H. Shaw.

Assistant Curator :
Edward Barker.

Chief Library Assistant :
Alice Dold.

County Borough of Bury.

Public Library, Art Gallery & Museum.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1915-1916.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bury.

GENTLEMEN,

The Committee appointed by you under the provisions of the Public Libraries' Acts have the honour of submitting their Report for the year ending October 9th, 1916.

They have, not unexpectedly, to report a slight decrease in the Lending Department, so many of the borrowers having joined H.M. forces. On the other hand, the Juvenile and School Library issues are more numerous than in previous years; especially the former, which records the largest issue since 1902, when this branch of the Library was opened. The Reference Library again shows a decreased issue; this, however, is inevitable under present conditions. The Art Gallery and Museum, too, have been visited by fewer persons than last year.

The stock of books in all departments is now 26,308 volumes, which, without considering the books lent from the schools, have been circulated to the extent of 95,571 issues, making a grand total of 1,274,063 since the opening in 1901. The proportion of fiction reading to the issue from all departments is 48.7 per cent., and to that of the Lending Library only, 53.3 per cent. 6,776 borrowers' tickets—an increase of 53—are current in the Lending and Juvenile Libraries, although it is obvious that a number of the adult borrowers are not using their cards at the present time. No account is taken in these totals of the School Libraries, the particulars of which are set out separately in another part of this report. The Art Gallery turnstiles record 39,760 visits.

The " Library Bulletin " has been issued regularly throughout the year, and has kept readers informed of the books added to the Libraries.

Many donations have been received, for which the Committee have expressed their thanks. A list of the donors will be found on page 7.

As in former years, the books proposed to be added have been carefully considered by the Book Selection Sub-Committee, with a view to strengthening the Library in all branches of literature.

At the February meeting it was decided to insure the Art Gallery, Museum and Library, and the contents thereof, against damage by hostile aircraft.

Many changes have taken place in the Staff during the year under review. In March Miss Alice Stott, Senior Assistant, resigned her position. Miss Alice Batty was appointed Junior Assistant in April. In consequence of Mr. John H. Shaw, Librarian and Curator, joining the colours at the end of July, temporary arrangements had to be made for the continuance of the working of the Art Gallery and Libraries. It was decided that during Mr. Shaw's absence Mr. Edward Barker, the Assistant Curator, act as Curator of the Art Gallery, and Miss Alice Dold, Chief Assistant in the Libraries, take charge of the Libraries. Miss Gladys Tattersall, of the Radcliffe Public Library, was appointed Chief Assistant in the Libraries.

Mr. Shaw joined the Grenadier Guards in July last, and is still in England. Mr. Stanley Auty is serving in France with the 2nd/5th Lancashire Fusiliers, and Mr. Frank Holding, also of the 2nd/5th Lancashire Fusiliers, is now in hospital in England. Their places have been temporarily filled.

The Libraries were open on 303 days, the Museum on 311 days, and the Art Gallery and Reading Rooms on 363 days.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

8,254 books have been issued from this department, a decrease of 2,561 on the issue of last year. This does not fully represent the work of the Reference Library, as so many of the books arranged on the " open shelves " are restored to their places by the

borrowers themselves, making it impossible to keep an accurate account of the number issued. It is evident, however, that the privilege of free access to works of reference is appreciated. 201 volumes—mainly purchased from the Grundy Bequest—have been added since the last report. The stock of books is now 7,101.

The Committee desire to develop the "Local Collection" in the Reference Library, and to that end would be pleased to receive any gifts of books, pamphlets, broadsides, or magazines printed locally, or bearing upon the history and topography of Bury and district.

LENDING LIBRARY.

67,292 volumes have been circulated for home reading, a decrease of 1,238.

4,508 ordinary tickets are current, and 769 students' and teachers' tickets, available for books other than fiction. 1,084 cards have been cancelled, and 758 borrowers have renewed their tickets.

Six books, taken from the houses of persons suffering from infectious diseases, have been destroyed by the Medical Officer of Health.

Your Committee continue to borrow books from the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society's Library, to which they subscribe annually. The issue of books to the blind is 247, an increase of 103. Three periodicals in the Braille type—two monthly and one weekly—are taken in the Magazine Room.

Persons not resident, rated, or employed within the Borough are allowed the full privileges of the Library on payment of a quarterly subscription of 1/3. Sixteen borrowers are using the Libraries on these terms.

565 volumes have been added to this department and 93 withdrawn as worn out or incomplete. The total stock is now 15,444.

The Lending Department has been the means of collecting literature for the soldiers and sailors. 418 books and 701 magazines have been received for the Camps' Library.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The issue of books from the Juvenile Library has increased from 17,681 to 20,025, a net gain of 2,344. In addition, 1,029 books have been sent to 14 of the elementary schools of the borough, and have circulated to the extent of 27,416 issues, an increase of 200. The Committee are much indebted to the Head Teachers for their co-operation in this most useful work.

The following particulars show the issues from each school :— All Saints', 1,548; Bircle, 491; Brunswick, 1,920; Christian Church, 2,064; Clerke Street, 2,580; East Ward Council, 2,580; Elton Council, 1,376; Guardian Angels', 1,548; Holy Trinity, 2,150; St. John's, 1,398; St. Marie's, 4,257; St. Paul's (Bell), 1,720; St. Paul's (Huntley), 1,204; St. Thomas's, 2,580.

In three of the schools the books are not lent for home reading, but are read in school during the "silent reading" lesson.

The stock of the Juvenile Library is 3,763 volumes, of which 93 have been added during the year. Five books were detained by the Medical Officer of Health, and 95 withdrawn from circulation for various reasons.

1,499 borrowers' tickets are in use, in addition to those current at the schools. 382 have been cancelled, and 161 renewed.

READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms continue to be important departments of the Institution.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Mr. T. R. Bertwistle, Bury.

Mr. J. Bibby, Liverpool.

Mrs. E. Bowker, Bury.

Mrs. Bruce and Miss Wrigley, Bury.

Dr. G. Granville Buckley, Bury.

Rev. E. D. Priestley Evans, Bury

Mr. William Gordon, Aboyne.

Mr. Henry Guppy, M.A., Manchester.

Mr. William Hewitson, Bury.

Mr. Percy Howarth, Bury.

Rev. W. H. Howlett, M.A., Bury

Exors. of the late Mr. Thomas Kay, Stockport.

Mr. W. G. Rawlinson, London.

Mr. William Royle, Rusholme, Manchester.

Mr. James White, Ramsgate.

The High Commissioner for Australia.

Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Ministers of Justice and Foreign Affairs, Belgium.

Board of Management of the Bury Infirmary.

Bury and District Free Church Council.

Bury and District Charity Organisation Society.

Commissioner for Canada, Liverpool.

Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester.

Trustees of Durham University.

H.M. Patent Office, London.

Incorporated Society of Musicians.

Institute of Chartered Accountants, London.

Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd., London.

Messrs. Mather & Crowther, London.

National Union of Teachers.

North-Eastern Railway Co.

Messrs. W. Perry & Co., London.

Phœnix Assurance Co., Ltd., London.

Registrar of Shipping and Seamen, London.

Trustees of the Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A.

Messrs. Stubbs, Ltd., London.

Trustees of Trinity College of Music.

Victoria University, Manchester.

University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

University Correspondence College, London.

Reports and Catalogues have been received from many Public Libraries, Art Galleries, and Museums, and the various departments of the Bury Corporation; Time-Tables from the Railway Companies, and a number of Newspapers and Periodicals from their respective publishers.

ART GALLERY.

Consequent upon continuance of the military regulations in regard to lighting, the Art Gallery and Museum continue to be closed each day at dusk.

A judicial interpretation of the terms of the bequest of the late Mrs. Thos. Aitken having been received, your Committee have made arrangements, in the hanging of the pictures, for those terms to be carried out. The major portion of the pictures in oils and water-colours have been hung in the C Gallery, others in the Curator's Room, and the principal engravings on the walls of the Main Staircase.

MUSEUM.

Additions to the "Pictures of Old Bury" have been made by the purchase of an oil painting of "The Old Bury Parish Church" by the late Mr. James Shaw, and a view of "Old Fleet Street," presented by Mr. J. Howard Hall.

The objects of Antiquarian interest, local and otherwise, and weapons previously lent by the late Mr. James Shaw, have now been presented to the Museum by Mrs. Shaw in memory of her husband.

Certain extensions to the Museum, which your Committee had intended to carry out, are held over for the present.

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

Mr. Robt. Grundy, Bury. (Brank, or Scold's Bridle; used at one time in Bury).

Mrs. Hodgetts, Bolton. (Shells and corals).

LOANS OF MUSEUM OBJECTS FOR EXHIBITION.

Messrs. Ashworth & Parker. (Early type of High-speed Engine).

Miss Farrow. (Collection of objects from Nigeria).

Mr. James Benson. (Roman jug).

Mr. A. Green. (Cartridge-cases of Shells used in the Boer War, also Mauser bullets and 15-lb. Shrapnel shell).

Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth, Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne. (Model of Japanese battleship "Hatsuse").
Mr. D. Page. (Bury broadside).
Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum. (Four cases of Museum objects and eleven wall-frames).

Permission has been granted to 71 students for the copying of pictures since the opening of the Gallery.

61 Illustrated Catalogues, 7 Guides to the Gallery, and 1,390 Picture Postcards have been sold.

The turnstiles have registered the number of visitors since the opening in October, 1901, as 966,951, and the number during the last twelve months as 39,760, a decrease compared with the previous year of 2,715. The Committee regret this decline in the attendances, which they believe is due in part, if not entirely, to the earlier closing of the building.

Tables showing the number, classification, and comparative statements of the volumes issued, the Library stock and Art Gallery visits, are appended to this report.

Finally, the Committee desire to express their heartiest thanks to all who have made gifts, or contributed loans, to the Libraries, Art Gallery, or Museum.

J. K. BUTCHER,
Chairman.

JOHN ASHWORTH,
Deputy-Chairman.

Public Library, Art Gallery
and Museum, Bury.
November 23rd, 1916.

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1915-16	**67292**	**20025**	**8254**	**95571**
Total Issues .	898737	232347	142979	1274063

Borrowers.

No. of borrowers on register :—

Adults	4,508
Students' extra tickets..	769
Juveniles...	1,499
	6,776

Stock.

Vols. in Lending Library.	15,444
,, Juvenile Library..	3,763
,, Reference Library	7,101
	26,308

Issues.

Lending Library	67,292
Juvenile Library	20,025
Reference Library...	8,254
School Libraries	27,416
	122,987

Visitors to the Art Gallery, 1901-1916.

YEAR.	NO. OF VISITORS
1901-2	142873
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1914-15	42475
1915-16	39760
Total since opening	966,951

ISSUES FROM THE LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Class.		1914-1915	1915-1916
A	Generalia	3846	4107
B—D	Physical Science	4209	4389
E, F	Biological Science	647	1008
G, H	Ethnology and Medicine	893	905
I	Economic Biology	1362	1028
J, K	Philosophy and Religion	1289	1053
L	Social and Political Science	350	280
M	Language, Literature, &c.	1770	1244
N	Literary Forms	3555	2919
O—W	History and Geography	2785	2690
X	Biography	1170	863
Z	Books for the Blind	141	247
Fiction		46513	46559
Juvenile Library		17681	20025
School Libraries		27216	27416
	Total Issue.....	113427	114733

ISSUES FROM THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Class.	1914-1915	1915-1916
General Works	2349	1935
Philosophy	75	42
Religion	370	271
Sociology	737	474
Philology	906	705
Science	413	266
Useful Arts	1112	843
Fine Arts	1227	1026
Literature	993	595
History	2633	2097
Total Issue...	10815	8254

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County Borough of Bury.

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1917.

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A. Redford.
P. Stock.
S. H. Wilkinson.
T. Woodcock, J.P.

Librarian and Curator:

* John H. Shaw.

Acting Curator:
Edward Barker.

Acting Librarian:
Alice Dold.

* *On Military Service.*

County Borough of Bury.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

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GENTLEMEN,

The Committee appointed by you under the provisions of the Public Libraries' Acts have the honour of submitting their report for the year ending October 9th, 1917.

With the exception of the Reference Library there has been an increase in the issues of all departments of the Library. In the number of visitors to the Art Gallery and Museum there has also been a moderate increase.

The proportion of fiction reading to the issue from all departments is 50.8 per cent., and to that of the Lending Library only, 54.7 per cent. Tables showing the number, classification, and comparative statements of the volumes issued, the Library stock and Art Gallery visits, are appended to this report.

The "Library Bulletin" has been issued during the year, and has kept readers informed of the books added to the Libraries.

Many donations have been received, for which the Committee have expressed their thanks. A list of donors will be found on page 4.

Four members of the Staff are on military service.

JOHN HARTLEY LIBRARY

As in former years, the books proposed to be added have been carefully considered by the Book Selection Sub-Committee, with a view to strengthening the Library in all branches of literature.

Your Committee desire to place on record their regret at the death, on October 22nd, 1916, of Councillor R. B. Hardman, and their appreciation of the services rendered by him as a member of the Art Gallery and Public Library Committee during his five years of office.

The Libraries were open on 301 days, the Museum on 310 days, and the Art Gallery and Reading Rooms on 362 days.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The figures for this department again show a decrease; they cannot, however, be regarded as representing the actual work of the Reference Library, the volumes on the " open shelves " being in many cases replaced by the borrowers themselves; thus making it impossible for them to be included in the issue returns. 265 volumes—41 purchased from the Grundy bequest—have been added since the last report.

The Committee desire to develop the " Local Collection " in the Reference Library, and to that end would be pleased to receive any gifts of books, pamphlets, broadsides, or magazines printed locally, or bearing upon the history and topography of Bury and district.

LENDING LIBRARY.

A slight increase is shown in the statistics for this department. 1781 cards have been cancelled and 547 borrowers have renewed their membership. Eight books taken from the houses of persons suffering from infectious diseases have been destroyed by the Medical Officer of Health.

Your Committee continue to borrow books from the Manchester and Salford Blind Aid Society's Library, to which they subscribe annually. Three periodicals in the Braille type—two monthly and one weekly—are taken in the Magazine Room.

Persons not resident, rated, or employed within the Borough are allowed the full privileges of the Library on payment of a quarterly subscription of 1/3. Eighteen borrowers are using the Library on these terms.

335 volumes have been added to this department, 38 renewed, and 51 withdrawn as worn out or incomplete.

Facilities have been granted to the various local Hospitals, whereby the Soldier Patients may borrow books from this department. The collection of literature for the soldiers and sailors is still continuing. During the year 309 books and 1,150 magazines have been received for the Camps' Library, making a grand total of 727 books and 1,875 magazines since the commencement of the effort.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The issue of books from the Juvenile Library shows an increase of 3,333. In addition 1,330 books have been sent to 20 of the Elementary Schools of the borough, and the returns for this branch of the Library show an increase of 10,408. This increase is partly due to the fact that 20 of the schools, as against 14 of last year, have assisted in the circulation of the books. The Committee are much indebted to the Head Teachers for their co-operation in this most useful work.

The following particulars show the issues from each school :—

All Saints, 1,160 ; Birele, 1,800 ; Brunswick, 1,600 ; Chesham, 2,400 ; Christian Church, 1,600 ; Clerke Street, 2,400 ; East Ward Council, 3,200 ; Elton Council, 2,000 ; Guardian Angels, 1,280 ; Holy Trinity, 2,400 ; Parish Church, 2,009 ; St. John's, 1,000 ; St Joseph's, 2,400 ; St. Marie's, 3,600 ; St. Mark's, 1,600 ; St. Paul's (Bell), 800 ; St. Paul's (Huntley), 1,184 ; St. Peter's, 2,400 ; St. Thomas', 1,800 ; Walmersley, 1,200.

In four of the schools the books are not lent for home reading but are read in school during the " silent reading " lesson.

Sixty-three books have been added during the year, 54 renewed, and 74 withdrawn from circulation for various reasons. Six books were detained by the Medical Officer of Health. 687 cards have been cancelled and 238 renewed.

READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms continue to be important departments of this institution.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Mr. J. Bibby, Liverpool.
Mr. R. Broughton, Accrington.
Mrs. Bruce and Miss Wrigley, Bury.
Alderman J. K. Butcher, J.P., Bury.
Mr. Henry Guppy, M.A., Manchester.
Mr. William Hewitson, Bury.
Mr. Percy S. Howarth, Bury.
Rev. W. H. Howlett, M.A., Bury.
Mr. G. Lessells, Bury.
Sir C. Macara, Manchester.
Rev. A. J. Macdonald, late of Bury.
Mr. G. Pilkington, Bury.
Mr. A. P. Stone, Bury.
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.
Board of Management of the Bury Infirmary.
Trustees of the British Museum.
Members of the Conservative Club, Bury.
Canadian Trade Commissioner, Manchester.
Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline.
City and Guilds of London Institute.
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester.
Trustees of Durham University.
H.M. Patent Office, London.
Incorporated Society of Musicians.

Messrs. Kemp's Publishing Co., Leeds.
Messrs. J. & J. Paton, London.
Registrar of Shipping and Seamen, London.
Trustees of Trinity College of Music.
Victoria University, Manchester.
University Correspondence College, London.

Reports and catalogues have been received from many Public Libraries, Art Galleries and Museums, and the various departments of the Bury Corporation. Also a number of periodicals from their respective publishers.

ART GALLERY.

Consequent upon continuance of the military regulations in regard to lighting, the Art Gallery and Museum continue to be closed each day at dusk.

MUSEUM.

DONATIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

Director of the Mint, London.—(Bronze Coronation Medal of William IV.)

Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum.—(Twelve eighteenth century watches and six movements.)

LOANS OF MUSEUM OBJECTS FOR EXHIBITION.

Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth, Ltd., Newcastle-on-Tyne.—(Model of Japanese Battleship, "Hatsuse.")

Messrs. Ashworth and Parker, Bury.—(Early type of High-speed Engine.)

Mr. James Benson.—(Roman Jug.)

Miss Farrow.—(Collection of objects from Nigeria.)

Mr. A. Green, Bury.—(Cartridge Cases of Shells used in the Boer War; also Mauser Bullets and 15lb. Shrapnel Shell.)

Mr. A. W. Mould, Bury.—(Seven pieces of Chinese embroidery.)

Mr. D. Page.—(Bury Broadside.)

Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum.—(Four cases of Museum objects and eleven wall frames.)

Permission has been granted to 72 students for the copying of pictures since the opening of the Gallery.

Fifty-seven Illustrated Catalogues, eight Guides to the Gallery, and 928 Picture Postcards have been sold.

The turnstile register shows an increase in the number of Visitors to the Art Gallery and Museum, as compared with last year's returns.

Finally, the Committee desire to express their heartiest thanks to all who have made gifts, or contributed loans, to the Libraries, Art Gallery or Museum.

J. K. BUTCHER, *Chairman.*

JOHN ASHWORTH, *Deputy-Chairman.*

Public Library, Art Gallery
and Museum, Bury.
November 20th, 1917.

Comparative Statement of Issues from tne various Departments of the Library. 1901—1917.

Year.	Lending Department.	Juvenile Department	Reference Department.	Total.
1901-2	47519	—	1430	48949
1902-3	50019	20103	2714	72836
1903-4	48877	16565	3250	68692
1904-5	56345	17200	6804	80349
1905-6	59472	15177	6799	81448
1906-7	57062	14559	7110	78731
1907-8	65426	12904	8158	86488
1908-9	59220	13957	10911	84088
1909-10	67568	16027	18761	102356
1910-11	57985	17179	13790	88954
1911-12	61651	17322	14338	93311
1912-13	63425	16169	14945	94539
1913-14	68346	17479	14900	100725
1914-15	68530	17681	10815	97026
1915-16	67202	20025	8254	95571
1916-17	**69568**	**23358**	**7047**	**99973**
Total Issues.	968305	255705	150026	1374036

Borrowers.

No. of borrowers on register :—

Adults	3,761
Students' extra tickets	714
Juveniles	811
	5,286

Stock.

Vols. in Lending Library	15,728
,, Juvenile Library.	3,752
,, Reference Library	7,366
	26,846

Issues.

Lending Library	69,568
Juvenile Library	23,358
Reference Library	7,047
School Libraries	37,824
	137,797

Visitors to the Art Gallery, 1901-1917.

YEAR.	NO. OF VISITORS.
1901-2	142873
1902-3	107535
1903-4	65225
1904-5	65678
1905-6	58022
1906-7	66913
1907-8	86023
1908-9	57885
1909-10	45365
1910-11	40426
1911-12	52844
1912-13	48482
1913-14	47445
1914-15	42475
1915-16	39760
1916-17	41183
Total since opening	1,008,134

ISSUES FROM THE LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Class.		1915-1916	1916-1917
A	Generalia	4107	4144
B—D	Physical Science	4389	3708
E, F	Biological Science	1008	666
G, H	Ethnology and Medicine	905	693
I	Economic Biology	1028	811
J, K	Philsophy and Religion	1053	978
L	Social and Political Science ...	280	357
M	Language, Literature, &c.	1244	1377
N	Literary Forms	2919	2343
O—W	History and Geography	2690	2573
X	Biography	863	825
Z	Books for the Blind	247	210
Fiction		46559	50883
Juvenile Library		20025	23358
School Libraries		27416	37824
	Total Issue.....	114733	130750

ISSUES FROM THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Class.	1915-1916	1916-1917
General Works	1935	1750
Philosophy	42	18
Religion	271	292
Sociology	474	271
Philology	705	494
Science	266	265
Useful Arts	843	768
Fine Arts	1026	672
Literature	595	531
History	2096	1986
Total Issue...	8254	7047

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the Benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

I bequeath

(Books)

(Pictures)

to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personality), for the benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, either for exhibition or for such other purpose as they may deem expedient: and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

THE
JOHN CRERAR
LIBRARY

County Borough of Bury.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY, AND MUSEUM.

17th Annual Report,

1917-1918.

BURY:
Published by the Public Library, Art Gallery & Museum Committee.
1918

Public Library, Art Gallery, and Museum Committee, 1917-1918.

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Sir James Harris, J.P.

Chairman:

Alderman J. K. Butcher, J.P.

Deputy-Chairman:

Alderman J. Ashworth, J.P.

Aldermen:

L. Fletcher, J.P.
S. Kay, J.P.

Councillors:

W. Barritt.
W. Jamieson.
A. Redford.
P. Stock.
T. Woodcock, J.P.
S. H. Wilkinson.

Librarian and Curator:

* John H. Shaw.

Acting Curator:

Edward Barker.

Acting Librarian:

Alice Dold.

* *On Military Service.*

County Borough of Bury.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY, AND MUSEUM.

Seventeenth Annual Report, 1917-1918.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bury.

GENTLEMEN,

The Committee appointed by you under the provisions of the Public Libraries' Acts has the honour of submitting the report for the year ending October 9th, 1918.

With the exception of the School Libraries there has been an increase in the issues of all departments of the Library.

The proportion of fiction reading to the issue from all departments is 50.9 per cent., and to that of the Lending Library alone, 54.6 per cent. Tables showing the number, classification and comparative statements of the volumes issued, the Library stock and Art Gallery visits, are appended to this report.

The "Library Bulletin" has been issued during the year, and has kept readers informed of the books added to the Libraries.

Many donations have been received, for which the Committee has expressed its thanks. A list of donors will be found on Page 3—4.

Two members of the Staff are still on military service.

The duties assigned to the Book Selection Sub-Committee have been carefully fulfilled. Special attention has been given to the building up of the Scientific and Technical branches of the Library and many valuable works of this nature have been added.

649 volumes have been re-bound.

Your Committee desire to place on record their regret at the death on October 11th, 1917, of Mr. O. O. Wrigley, one of the donors of the Thomas Wrigley Collection of Pictures.

THE JOHN CRERAR LIBRARY

The Libraries were open on 301 days, the Museum on 310 days, and the Art Gallery and Reading Rooms on 362 days.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

In this department we are pleased to record a small increase on the issue returns of last year. In addition there has been the usual good use made of the books on the "open shelves," but as many of these works are replaced by the borrowers themselves, it is impossible to give an accurate statement of the full work of this branch of the Library. 244 volumes—47 purchased from the Grundy Bequest—have been added since last year's report.

The Committee desire to develop the "Local Collection" in the Reference Library, and to that end would be pleased to receive any gifts of books, pamphlets, broadsides, or magazines printed locally, or bearing upon the history and topography of Bury and district.

LENDING LIBRARY.

A very satisfactory increase in the statistics of this department is the result of the year's work. 688 cards have been cancelled and 467 borrowers have renewed their membership. 18 books taken from the houses of persons suffering from infectious diseases have been disinfected at the Health Department.

The regular supply of Braille books received from the Northern Branch of the National Society for the Blind, Manchester, to which your Committee subscribes annually, is greatly appreciated by the small number of readers in the district. In addition three periodicals in the Braille type—two monthly and one weekly—are available in the Magazine Room.

The non-resident borrowers, who are allowed the full privileges of the Library on payment of a quarterly subscription of 1/3, now total twenty members.

513 volumes have been added to this department, of which 54 are renewals. 102 books have been withdrawn as worn-out or incomplete.

A number of soldiers from the various local hospitals have taken advantage of the Committee's arrangements, whereby they are allowed to borrow books from this department. The work of collecting literature for the Camps' Library has continued, and 96

books and 192 magazines have been received. These, added to collections of previous years, give a total of 823 books and 2,117 magazines.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The work of the department is steadily growing. The issues are remarkably numerous, especially when we take into consideration the fact that they are supplemented by those of the School Libraries. To 21 Elementary Schools of the borough, 1,466 books have been despatched. Through various epidemics during the year a number of the Schools have had to be closed, for varying periods, hence there is a slight decrease in the issue of books from this source. The Committee desires to express its thanks to the Head Teachers for their co-operation in this most useful work.

The following particulars show the issues from each school :—

All Saints', 1,800; Birtle, 800; Brunswick, 900; Chesham, 1,260; Christian Church, 1,440; Clerke Street, 1,800; East Ward Council, 3,240; Elton Council, 1,440; George Street, 1,740; Guardian Angels, 972; Holy Trinity, 1,296; Parish Church, 1,800; St. John's, 1,152; St. Joseph's, 4,320; St. Marie's, 2,700; St. Mark's, 640; St. Paul's (Bell), 870; St. Paul's (Huntley), 1,665; St. Peter's, 888; St. Thomas', 1,850; Walmersley, 1,360.

In five of the schools the books are not lent for home reading, but are read in school during the "silent reading" lesson.

256 books have been added during the year, 115 of which were replacements. 210 volumes have been withdrawn from circulation for various reasons. 30 books have been disinfected at the Health Department. 454 cards have been cancelled and 131 renewed.

READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms continue to be important and popular departments of this institution.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Rev. E. Bennett, late of Bury.
Mr. J. Bibby, Liverpool.
Mr. J. F. Chance, London.
Hon. Stephen Coleridge, London.
Mr. C. F. Coxwell, London.

Mr. H. Crompton, Bury.
Sir A. F. R. de Horsey, London.
Mr. William Hewitson, Bury.
Mr. Percy S. Howarth, Bury.
Rev. W. H. Howlett, M.A., Bury.
Trustees of the late Mr. Thomas Kay, Stockport.
Sir C. W. Macara, Manchester.
Mr. F. G. Milne, Surrey.
Mr. G. Pilkington, Bury.
Mrs. Rose, Stratford-upon-Avon.
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.
Trustees of the British Museum.
Secretary of State of Canada.
Canadian Emigration Department, Liverpool.
Canegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline.
City and Guilds of London Institute.
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester.
Trustees of Durham University.
H. M. Patent Office, London.
Proportional Representation Society.
Registrar of Shipping and Seamen, London.
Research Defence Society, London.
Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A.
Stubb's Publishing Co. Ltd., London.
Town and County Directories Ltd., Edinburgh.
Trustees of Trinity College of Music, London.
University Correspondence College, London.
Victoria University, Manchester.
University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Reports and catalogues have been received from many Public Libraries, Art Galleries and Museums, and the various departments of the Bury Corporation. Also a number of periodicals from their respective publishers.

ART GALLERY.

Consequent upon the continuance of military regulations in regard to lighting, the Art Gallery and Museum have been closed each day at dusk.

The following exhibitions have been held during the past year and proved very popular: "Allied War Photographs," November 14th to December 5th, 1917. This exhibition of enlarged photographs, taken in different parts of the Empire and in the Allied countries, showed the Allied Nations in the course of preparation and in the active campaign of war and was obtained through His Majesty's Government. "Britain's Efforts and Ideals in the Great War," December 9th, 1917, to January 6th, 1918. This exhibition was comprised of sixty-six lithographs, the works of some of the leading artists of the day, and was an effort to put on record the inspirations which called forth the activities of the war.

The increased number of visitors to the Gallery during the past twelve months—nearly 18,000—was largely attributable to these exhibitions, and to the number of wounded soldiers who have visited the Gallery and Museum daily, and who have thus found relaxation and profit during their stay in the district.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

DONATIONS.

Mr. Councillor P. Stock, Bury.—Water Colour Drawing, by H. Clarence Whaite, P.R.C.A.

Mr. W. Helm, Bury.—Metal Commemorative Medals.

Mr. J. Sunderland, Bury.—Minerals, rock forming Corals, Stalactites and Stalacmites, from N.W. Australia.

LOANS.

Mrs. Bowes, Bury.—Portrait of Major Bowes, D.S.O., by Major E. S. Van Someren.

The Whitworth Art Gallery Committee.—A series of sixty Water Colour drawings, illustrative of the works of the English Water Colour School of Painting, from its commencement to the present time.

Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum.—(Four cases of Museum objects and eleven wall frames.)

Permission has been granted to 72 students for the copying of pictures since the opening of the Gallery.

Eighty-eight illustrated Catalogues and 963 Picture Postcards have been sold.

Finally, the Committee desires to express its heartiest thanks to all who have made gifts, or contributed loans, to the Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum.

J. K. BUTCHER, *Chairman.*

JOHN ASHWORTH, *Deputy-Chairman.*

Public Library, Art Gallery
and Museum, Bury.
November 19th, 1918.

Statement of Issues from the various Departments of the Library, 1901-1918.

Year	Lending Department	Juvenile Department	Reference Department	Total
1901-17.—	968,305	255,705	150,026	1,374,036.
1917-18.—	77,542	27,844	7,800	113,186.
Total.—	1,045,847	283,549	157,826	1,487,222.

Visitors to the Art Gallery, 1901-1918.

1901-17	1,008,134
1917-18	58,955
Total since opening	1,067,089

BORROWERS. No. of borrowers on register :—Adults, 4,122; Students' extra tickets, 901; Juveniles, 1,016; Total, 6,039.

STOCK. Vols. in Lending Library, 16,196; Juvenile Library, 3,798; Reference Library, 7,610; Total, 27,604.

ISSUES. Lending Library, 77,542; Juvenile Library, 27,844; Reference Library, 7,800; School Libraries, 33,933 : Total, 147,119.

ISSUES FROM THE LENDING DEPARTMENT.

CLASS.		1916-1917	1917-1918
A	Generalia	4144	4878
B—D	Physical Science	3708	3905
E, F	Biological Science	666	858
G, H	Ethnology and Medicine	693	846
I	Economic Biology	811	864
J, K	Philosophy and Religion	978	913
L	Social and Political Science	357	349
M	Language, Literature, &c.	1377	1147
N	Literary Forms	2343	2155
O—W	History and Geography	2573	2693
X	Biography	825	1156
Z	Books for the Blind	210	245
Fiction		50883	57532
Juvenile Library		23358	27844
School Libraries		37824	33933
	Total Issue...	130750	139319

ISSUES FROM THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

CLASS.	1916-1917	1917-1918
General Works	1750	1972
Philosophy	18	7
Religion	292	253
Sociology	271	224
Philology	494	727
Science	265	250
Useful Arts	768	1001
Fine Arts	672	471
Literature	531	404
History	1986	2491
Total Issue...	7047	7800

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the Benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

I bequeath

(Books)

(Pictures)

to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster (free from Legacy Duty, which duty I direct shall be paid out of my pure personalty), for the benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, either for exhibition or for such other purpose as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

County Borough of Bury.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY, AND MUSEUM.

18th Annual Report,

1918-1919.

BURY:
PUBLISHED BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE.
1919.

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THE JOHN CRERAR LIBRARY

Public Library, Art Gallery, and Museum Committee, 1918-1919.

The Worshipful the Mayor, Councillor Sir James Hacking, J.P.

Chairman :

Alderman J. K. Butcher, J.P.

Deputy-Chairman :

Alderman J. Ashworth, J.P.

Aldermen

L. Fletcher, J.P.

S. Kay, J.P.

Councillors :

T. Hartley.
W. Jamieson.
A. Redford.
P. Stock.
S. H. Wilkinson.
T. Woodcock, J.P.

Librarian and Curator : John H. Shaw.

Acting Librarian : Alice Dold.

County Borough of Bury.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM

Eighteenth Annual Report, 1918-1919.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bury.

GENTLEMEN,

The Committee appointed by you under the provisions of the Public Libraries' Acts has pleasure in submitting the following report for the year ending October 9th, 1919 :

There are, in all departments of the Library, 28,042 volumes, and these have circulated to the extent of 138,479 issues The proportion of fiction reading to the issue from all departments is 54.1 per cent., and to that of the Lending Library alone 58 per cent.

The number of visitors to the Art Gallery and Museum is 33,192.

Many donations have been received, for which the Committee has expressed its thanks. A list of donors will be found on page 4.

Special attention has been given by the Book Selection Sub-Committee, to the building up of the Scientific, Technical and Commercial sections of the Library, and many valuable works of this nature have been added.

325 volumes have been rebound.

The Libraries were open on 300 days, the Museum on 309 days, and the Art Gallery and Reading Rooms on 352 days.

Tables showing the number, classification and comparative statements of the volumes issued, and a Statistical Summary are appended to the report.

Your Committee desires to place on record its regret at the death, on July 7th, 1919, of Councillor William Barritt, who had been a member of the Committee since January, 1912. Councillor T. Hartley was appointed to fill the vacancy.

All the members of the Staff have now returned from serving in H.M. Forces, and Mr. Shaw hopes to resume his duties at an early date.

In consequence of the adoption by the Council of a working week of 48 hours, and the rearrangement of the hours of the Caretakers necessitated thereby, it was decided by your Committee to abandon the Sunday opening of the Art Gallery and Newsroom.

The Librarian and Acting-Librarian, as representatives of your Committee, attended the 42nd Annual Conference of the Library Association at Southport in September, and submitted a report of the proceedings.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

In this department the work has been maintained. The issues recorded are two less than the total for last year; in addition the books on the "open shelves" have been used extensively. As many of the latter works are replaced by the borrowers themselves, it is not possible to give an accurate statement of the full work of this Branch of the Library.

83 Volumes—mainly purchased from the Grundy bequest—have been added.

LENDING LIBRARY.

523 Volumes have been added to the Stock, of which 56 are renewals, whilst 92 books were withdrawn as worn-out or incomplete.

545 Borrowers have renewed their membership, and 400 cards have been cancelled. 17 books taken from houses of person suffering from infectious diseases were disinfected by the Medical Officer of Health.

The statistics show a largely increased issue from this section of the Library.

Your Committee has continued its subscription to the Northern Branch of the National Society for the Blind, Manchester, thereby ensuring a regular supply of " Braille " books to the Library. This is greatly appreciated by the small number of Blind readers in the district.

Eighteen borrowers from outside the Borough boundaries are using the Library, on payment of a quarterly subscription of 1/3, and the soldiers from the various local hospitals have taken advantage of the Committee's arrangements whereby they were allowed to borrow books from the Library.

The work of collecting literature for the Camps' Library was continued, in all 826 books and 2,147 magazines were forwarded to this organisation through the Post Office.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

The issues from this department show a slight decrease, whilst from the School Libraries also, the issues are lower than last year. This, however, may be accounted for by the fact that, through various epidemics during the year, a number of the schools were closed for long periods.

1,190 books have been despatched to 20 Elementary Schools of the Borough, and the following are the issues from each school :—

All Saints', 966 ; Birtle, 1,500 ; Brunswick, 300 ; Chesham, 525 ; Christian Church, 1,750 ; Clerke Street, 1,200 ; East Ward Council, 1,920 ; Elton Council, 2,800 ; George Street, 1,800 ; Guardian Angels, 1,080 ; Holy Trinity, 1,350 ; Parish Church, 1,292 ; St. John's, 1,200 ; St. Joseph's, 1,800 ; St. Marie's, 1,500 ; St. Mark's, 1,500 ; St. Paul's (Bell), 1,200 ; St. Paul's (Huntley), 1,500 ; St. Thomas', 1,400 ; Walmersley, 2,000.

In five of the Schools the books are not lent for home-reading, but are read in School during the " silent reading " lesson.

The Committee desires to express its thanks to the Head Teachers for their co-operation in this most useful work.

160 books have been added, 31 of which were replacements, and 236 volumes have been withdrawn from circulation for various reasons. 43 books have been disinfected at the Health Department.

291 cards have been cancelled, and 260 renewed.

READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms continue to be important and popular departments of the institution.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Mr. R. Ashton, Blackburn.
Mr. A. L. Bowley, c/o Oxford University Press.
Miss E. M. Darlington, Lutterworth.
Sir Cuthbert C. Grundy, Blackpool.
Mr. Richard Heape, Rochdale.
Mr. William Hewitson, Bury.
Mr. Councillor T. Holt, Bury.
Rev. W. H. Howlett, M.A., Bury.
Mr. James Kenyon, Walshaw Hall.
Mr. A. W. King, Aysgarth.
Mr. N. Quevli, Iowa.
Mr. M. Winterton, Ealing.
Mr. Councillor R. Wood, Tottington.
Messrs. Bemrose and Sons, Derby.
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.
British Association of Trade and Technical Journals Ltd.
Trustees of the British Museum.
Canadian Emigration Department, Liverpool.
Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline.
City and Guilds of London Institute.
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester.
Cork Chamber of Commerce.
Trustees of Durham University.
Secretary, Expeditionary Force Canteens.
Freedom Association, London.
H.M. Patent Office, London.
National Institute for the Blind, London.
National Union of Teachers.
Agent General for Ontario Government, Canada.
Registrar of Shipping and Seamen, London.

Sheffield and Rotherham Chamber of Commerce.
Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A.
Stubb's Publishing Co. Ltd., London.
Trustees of Trinity College of Music, London.
United Kingdom Alliance, London.
U.S.A. Government Printing Office, Washington.
University Correspondence College, London.
Director of Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington.
Victoria University, Manchester.
University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Reports have been received from many Public Libraries, Art Galleries and Museums, and from the various departments of the Bury Corporation; also a number of periodicals from their respective publishers.

ART GALLERY.

The Series of Water-colour drawings lent by the Whitworth Art Gallery Committee, Manchester, were, in the early part of the year, transferred to the Burnley Art Gallery.

A second loan from the Whitworth Art Gallery of Oil paintings of the British School—contemporary with the Artists represented in the Wrigley Collection—has been received. Mr. William Stern, of Whitefield, was good enough to lend a number of pictures from his collection for exhibition, among which are the paintings by the late Mr. F. W. Jackson. Both of these collections are still on view in the Gallery.

A Portrait in oils of the late Alderman Sir John Parks, by Mr. John St. Helier Lander, presented to the town by public subscription, is on exhibition in the " D " Gallery.

33,192 persons have visited the Art Gallery and Museum, making a total of 1,100,281 since the opening of the Gallery in 1901. 117 illustrated Catalogues and 1,082 picture postcards have been sold.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

DONATIONS.

Mr. Robert Smith, Bury.—Fossilized rat.
Mr. F. Eastham, Bury.—Gannet.
Mr. J. Howard Hall.—Case of four plovers, and Wasp's nest.

LOANS.

The Whitworth Art Gallery Committee, Manchester.—A collection of Oil paintings of the British School—Victorian period.

Mr. William Stern, Whitefield.—Collection of Oil Paintings and Water Colours.

Director of the Victoria and Albert Museum.—(Four cases of Museum objects and eleven wall frames.)

Anonymous—Collection of ivories and ebonies.

Finally, the Committee desires to express its heartiest thanks to all who have made gifts, or contributed loans, to the Libraries, Art Gallery and Museum.

J. K. BUTCHER, *Chairman.*

JOHN ASHWORTH, *Deputy Chairman.*

Public Library, Art Gallery
and Museum, Bury.
November 20th, 1919.

Statement of Issues from the various Departments of the Library, 1901-1919.

Year	Lending Department	Juvenile Department	Reference Department	Total
1901-17.—	968,305	255,705	150,026	1,374,036.
1917-18.—	77,542	27,844	7,800	113,186.
1918-19.—	81,466	25,532	7,798	114,796.
Total.—	4,127,313	309,081	165,624	1,602,018.

Visitors to the Art Gallery, 1901-1919.

1901-17	1,008,134
1917-18	58,955
1918-19	33,192
Total since opening	1,100,281

GENERAL SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

(In the form suggested by the Library Association.)

Population as at last Census	59,040
* Amount of Library Rate in the Pound	3d.
Cost of Library Service, 1918-19, per Inhabtant	4.28d.
Total cost of Library, Art Gallery and Museum per Inhabitant	1/3.6d.
Number of separate Establishments	1
* Number of Staff, Librarian and Assistants—(Males 2, Females 5, Caretakers 2, Cleaners, part-time, 2.)	11

* Including Art Gallery and Museum.

BORROWERS.

Number of actual borrowers and percentage of borrowers to populaton	6209	10.5%
Number of supplementary tickets held	1053	
Total borrowers' tickets in use (tickets valid for two years.)	7262	

* INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

(Year ended March 31st, 1919.)

Income—	£	Per cent. of total income.
From Library Rate	3300	95.51
From Library Receipts (Fines, &c.)	141	4.09
From other sources	14	0.4
Total Income	3455	100.00

Expenditure—
Library and Art Gallery service :—

	£	Per cent. of total expenditure
Books	126	3.65
Binding and repairing	67	1.94
Newspapers and periodicals	139	4.03
Fittings and furniture	21	0.6
Printng, stationery, postages, etc.	62	1.79
Salaries and wages	595	17.22
Loan collections, carriage, insurance	45	1.3
	£1055	30.53

Fabric charges :—	£	Per cent. of total expenditure
Loans, interest, etc.	1529	44.26
Rates, Taxes, Insurance	181	5.24
Upkeep of buildings, repairs	85	2.46
Heating, Lighting, Cleaning (including wages)	585	16.93
	£2380	68.89
Income beyond expenditure	£20	0.58
Total	£3455	100.00

*The items in this section include Art Gallery and Museum.

STOCKS.

	Lending.	Reference.
Number of volumes at beginning of year	19,994	7,610
Volumes withdrawn during the year	328	—
Additions during the year (replacements 87).	683	83
Total volumes at end of year	20,349	7,693
Volumes per head of population	1 per 2.9	1 per 7.6

ISSUES.

	Total.	Daily Average.
Lending and Juvenile Library Issues	106,998	356
Reference Library Recorded Issues	7,798	26
School Library Issues	23,683	
Total of all Issues for year	138,479	
Issues from Lending Libraries per head of population		1.8
Total Issues per head of population		2.3

ISSUES FROM THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

Class		1917-1918	1918-1919
A	Generalia	4878	4416
B—D	Physical Science	3906	3972
E, F	Biological Science...	858	608
G, H	Ethnology and Medicine...	846	868
I	Economic Biology	864	1010
J, K	Philosophy and Religion...	913	946
L	Social and Political Science	349	495
M	Language, Literature, &c.	1147	1137
N	Literary Forms...	2155	2164
O—W	History and Geography	2693	2502
X	Biography	1156	1049
Z	Books for the Blind	245	189
Fiction		57532	62110
Juvenile Library		27844	25532
School Libraries		33933	23683
	Total Issue ...	139319	130681

ISSUES FROM THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class	1917-1918	1918-1919
General Works	1972	1801
Philosophy	7	21
Religion	253	269
Sociology	224	432
Philology	727	572
Science	250	275
Useful Arts	1001	1122
Fine Arts	471	767
Literature	404	403
History	2491	2136
Total Issue ...	7800	7798

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty, for the Benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

I bequeath

(*Books*)

(*Pictures*)

to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster (free from Legacy Duty, which I direct shall be paid out of my pure personalty), for the benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, either for exhibition or for such other purpose as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

County Borough of Bury.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY, AND MUSEUM.

19th Annual Report,

1919-1920.

BURY:
PUBLISHED BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE.
1920.

E.M.

Public Library, Art Gallery, and Museum Committee, 1919-1920.

The Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman Thomas Rothwell, J.P.

Chairman :

Alderman J. K. Butcher, J.P.

Deputy-Chairman :

Alderman J. Ashworth, J.P.

Aldermen

L. Fletcher, J.P.

S. Kay, J.P.

Councillors :

T. Hartley.
J. J. McGough.
A. Redford.
P. Stock.
S. H. Wilkinson.
T. Woodcock, J.P.

Librarian and Curator : John H. Shaw.

Assistant Librarian : Alice Dold.

County Borough of Bury.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY, AND MUSEUM.

Nineteenth Annual Report, 1919-1920.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bury.

Lady and Gentlemen,

The Committee appointed by you under the provisions of the Public Libraries' Acts has the honour of submitting its report for the year ending October 9th, 1920.

The Institution maintains its popularity and usefulness. Your Committee is pleased to record especially the steady progress in the work of the Reference Library, and the large increase in the number of books circulated from the School Libraries. In the Lending Library, too, the statistics show an increase in serious reading; the slight decrease in the total issues from this department being more than accounted for by the decline in fiction issues. The proportion of fiction reading to the circulation from the Lending Library is 58 per cent.

Visitors to the Art Gallery and Museum have been fewer than last year, which is due, to some extent, to the discontinuance of Sunday opening. The turnstiles record the number of visitors as 31,422, a decrease of 1,770.

There are, in all departments of the Library, 28,346 volumes, and these have circulated to the extent of 146,487 issues, an increase of 8,008 on last year's total.

Many donations have been received for which the Committee has expressed its thanks; a list of donors is given on pages 3 and 4.

As in previous years, the Book Selection Sub-Committee has carefully considered the books proposed for addition, with a view to improving the Library in all branches of literature, special attention being given to the building up of the Technical and Commercial sections.

A printed list of "Recent additions to the Library" was published, and a select list of Books on commercial subjects was also issued.

276 volumes have been re-bound.

Your Librarian, as the representative of the Committee, attended the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Library Association at Norwich in September, and submitted a report of the proceedings.

The Libraries were open on 303 days, and the Art Gallery, Museum, and Reading Rooms on 311 days.

Tables, showing the number, classification and comparative statements of the volumes issued, and a Statistical summary, are appended to this report.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Recorded issues from the Reference Library total 10,432 volumes, an increase of 2,634 on last year, whilst in addition, the books on the "open shelves" have been used extensively. As many of the latter works are replaced by the borrowers themselves it is not possible to give an accurate statement of the full work of this department of the Institution.

86 volumes—mainly purchased from the Grundy bequest—have been added, and 31 withdrawn as out-of-date or duplicate works, leaving a net stock of 7,748 at the end of the year.

LENDING LIBRARY.

80,789 books have circulated from the Lending Library, a decrease of 677 only on the large issue of last year, whilst the statistics reveal a decrease of 1,586 in the fiction issues. This evidence of an increase in the reading of works of a more solid character is encouraging.

The stock of books available for home reading is 18,803 volumes. 731 have been added, of which 200 were renewals, and 555 books were withdrawn on account of their worn-out condition.

5,295 ordinary tickets are now in use. 989 new tickets have been issued, 641 borrowers renewed their membership, and 792 cards were cancelled. Twenty-three persons residing outside the Borough boundaries are using the Library, on payment of a quarterly subscription of 1s. 3d.

Your Committee has continued its subscription to the National Library for the Blind, thereby ensuring a regular supply of books in the "Braille" type. 66 volumes have been borrowed in this way from the Manchester Library, and have been much appreciated by the small number of blind readers in the district.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

20,538 issues are recorded from this section, a decrease of 4,994 on last year's total. On the other hand, there is a large increase in the circulation from the School Libraries, the issues reaching a total of 34,728 volumes, or 11,045 more than last year.

Your Committee regards the School Libraries as a most important branch of the work of the Institution, and desires to express its thanks to the Teachers for their co-operation and help.

1,386 books have been despatched to 20 of the Elementary Schools of the Borough, and the following are the issues from each School :—

All Saints, 924; Bircle, 960; Brunswick, 984; Chesham, 840; Christian Church, 2,400; Clerke Street, 2,400; East Ward Council, 4,000, Elton Council, 1,850; George Street, 2,000; Guardian Angels, 1,404; Holy Trinity, 1,440; Junior Technical School, 777; St. John's, 1,950; St. Mark's, 1,950; St. Paul's (Bell), 2,184; St. Paul's (Huntley), 725; St. Peter's, 1,950; St. Stephen's, 2,340; St. Thomas's, 1,600; Walmersley, 2,050

In four of the Schools, the issues of which are included above, the books are not lent out for home reading, but are read in School during the "silent reading" lesson.

The total stock of the Juvenile Library is 3,795 volumes; 569 books were added during the year, 358 of which were replacements, and 496 have been withdrawn from circulation, being incomplete or worn-out.

1,063 borrowers' tickets are current, in addition to those in use at the Schools. 449 cards were cancelled, 228 renewed, and 391 issued to new borrowers.

READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms continue to be important and popular Departments of the Institution, and are well used.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Mrs. Bruce and Miss Wrigley, Bury.
Mr. J. Cartwright, Bury .
Mr. H. Crompton, Bury.
Mr. H. Green, Bury.
Mrs. Halford, Bury.
Mr. William Hewitson, Bury.

Councillor Wm Nabb, Bury.
Councillor A. Redford, Bury.
Mr. W. B. Shaw, Stretford.
Messrs. Bemrose and Sons, Derby.
Messrs. Dronsfield Bros. Ltd., Oldham.
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.
Bolton and District Chamber of Commerce.
Trustees of the British Museum.
Bury and District Chamber of Commerce.
Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline.
City and Guilds of London Institute.
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester.
Trustees of Durham University.
Garden Cities Association.
Institute of Chartered Accountants.
H.M. Patent Office, London.
National Institute for the Blind, London.
National Union of Teachers.
Registrar of Shipping and Seamen, London.
Smithsonian Institute, U.S.A.
Stubb's Publishing Co., London.
Trustees of Trinity College of Music, London.
University Correspondence College, London.
Director of Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington.
Victoria University, Manchester.
University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Reports have been received from many Public Libraries, Art Galleries and Museums, and from the various Departments of the Bury Corporation; also a number of periodicals from their respective publishers.

ART GALLERY.

Visits to the Art Gallery and Museum for the year number 31,422, making a total of 1,131,703 since the opening of the Institution in 1901. The Gallery was open on 311 days—41 less than last year—so that although the total shows a slight decrease, the daily average number of visitors is 102, as against 94 for 1918-19.

Your Committee has been aided in retaining the public interest in the Art Gallery by kind loans of pictures from Mr. and Mrs. Percival Duxbury, Mr. William Stern, and the Council of the Manchester Whitworth Institute.

An Exhibition of Lithographs by members of the Senefelder Club, was held during the months of August and September, and was well attended. The collection of Oil Paintings on loan from the Manchester Whitworth Institute was returned in October.

It will be remembered that a number of pictures received under the terms of the Thomas Aitken bequest were not accepted by the Art Adviser for the Art Gallery; these pictures have now been lent for exhibition to various Corporation buildings, namely, the Committee Rooms at the Bank Street Offices, the Technical, Secondary, East Ward Council and Elton Council Schools.

A Mayoral "At Home" was held in the Art Gallery on 14th January.

Four pictures from the permanent collection were lent during the year to the Whitechapel Art Gallery, for the purposes of an Exhibition of British Art.

50 illustrated Catalogues of the Wrigley Collection and 1,070 picture postcards have been disposed of. The illustrated Catalogue is now out of print.

MUSEUM.

The specimens in the four cases on loan from the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, were changed in April; the new collection consists of Oriental Embroideries, Textiles, Glass and Repoussé metalwork.

During the Summer months the members of the Bury and District Natural History Society have arranged exhibits of the wild flowers of the district, and these have been appreciated by the visitors to the Museum.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

DONATION.

Lieut. R. M. Maddox.—British and German Gas Masks.

LOANS.

Mr. and Mrs. Percival Duxbury, Bury.—Portrait of Mrs. Duxbury and daughter. By John S. Sargent, R.A.

Mr. William Stern, Manchester.—Collection of Oil paintings and Water colours.

The Council of the Manchester Whitworth Institute.—Collection of Oil Paintings of the British School.

Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington.—Four cases of Museum objects.

Anonymous.—Collection of Ivories and Ebonies.

In conclusion, the Committee desires to express its heartiest thanks to all who have made gifts, or contributed loans, to the Libraries, Art Gallery or Museum.

J. K. BUTCHER, *Chairman.*

JOHN ASHWORTH, *Deputy Chairman.*

Public Library, Art Gallery and Museum,
Bury, November 18, 1920.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES from the various Departments of the Library, 1901—1920.

Year	Lending Department	Juvenile Department	Reference Department	School Libraries	Total.
1901-1918	1,045,847	283,549	157,826	438,458	1,925,680
1918-1919	81,466	25,532	7,798	23,683	138,479
1919-1920	**80,789**	**20,538**	**10,432**	**34,728**	**146,487**
Totals ...	1,208,102	329,619	176,056	496,869	2,210,646

VISITORS to the Art Gallery, 1901-1920.

1901-18	1,067,089
1901-19	33,192
1919-20	**31,422**
Total since opening	1,131,703

GENERAL SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Population as at last Census	59,040
* Amount of Library Rate in the Pound	3d.
Cost of Library Service, 1919-20, per Inhabitant	5.02d.
Total cost of Library, Art Gallery and Museum per Inhabitant	1/3.6d.
Number of separate Establishments	1
* Number of Staff, Librarian and Assistants—(Males 2, Females 5, Caretakers 2, Cleaners, part-time 2)	11

* Including Art Gallery and Museum.

* INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

(Year ended March 31st, 1920.)

Income—

	£	Per cent. of total income.
From Library Rate	3300	85.93
From other sources	540	14.07
Total Income	£3840	100.00

Expenditure—

	£	Per cent. of total expenditure
Library and Art Gallery service : (Books, Binding, Newspapers, Salaries, Fittings, etc.)	1237	32.21
Fabric charges : (Loans, Interest, Insurance, Heating, Lighting and Cleaning, etc.)	2603	67.79
Total Expenditure	£3840	100.00

* The items in this section include Art Gallery and Museum.

STOCKS.

	Lending.	Reference.
Number of volumes at beginning of year	20349	7693
Volumes withdrawn during the year	1051	31
Additions during the year (replacements 558)	1300	86
Total volumes at end of year	20598	7748
Volumes per head of population	1 per 2.8	1 per 7.6

ISSUES.

	Total.	Daily Average.
Lending and Juvenile Library Issues	101327	335
Reference Library Recorded Issues	10432	34
School Library Issues	34728	
Total of all Issues for year	146487	
Issues from Lending Libraries per head of population		1.7
Total Issues per head of population		2.5

BORROWERS.

Number of actual borrowers and percentage of borrowers to population	6358	10.7%
Number of supplementary tickets held.....	1174	
Total borrowers' tickets in use (tickets valid for two years.)	7532	

VISITS.

	Total.	Daily Average
Visitors to Art Gallery and Museum	31422	101
,, ,, ,, (last year)	33192	94

ISSUES FROM THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

Class		1918-1919	1919-1920
A	Generalia	4416	3500
B—D	Physical Science	3972	3713
E, F	Biological Science	608	757
G, H	Ethnology and Medicine...	868	993
I	Economic Biology	1010	1118
J, K	Philosophy and Religion...	946	1049
L	Social and Political Science	495	794
M	Language, Literature, &c.	1137	1305
N	Literary Forms	2164	2573
O—W	History and Geography...	2502	3014
X	Biography	1049	1288
Z	Books for the Blind	189	161
Fiction		62110	60524
Juvenile Library		25532	20538
School Libraries		23683	34728
	Total Issue ...	130681	136055

ISSUES FROM THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class	1918-1919	1919-1920
General Works	1801	2301
Philosophy	21	94
Religion	269	505
Sociology	432	828
Philology	572	827
Science	275	383
Useful Arts	1122	1125
Fine Arts	767	1136
Literature	403	577
History...	2136	2656
Total Issue ...	7798	10432

FORM OF BEQUEST.

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free from Legacy Duty, for the Benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

I bequeath

(Books)

(Pictures)

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County Borough of Bury.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY, AND MUSEUM.

20th Annual Report,

1920-1921.

BURY:
PUBLISHED BY THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY & MUSEUM COMMITTEE,
1921.

E.M.

Public Library, Art Gallery, and Museum Committee, 1920-1921.

The Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman Thomas Rothwell, J.P.

Chairman :

Alderman J. K. Butcher, J.P.

Deputy-Chairman :

Alderman J Ashworth, J.P.

Aldermen

L. Fletcher, J.P. (died Sept. 19, 1921)

S. Kay, J.P.

Councillors :

Henry Ashworth.
O. S. Hall, O.B.E., J.P.
J. J. McGough.
A. Redford.
P. Stock.
S. H. Wilkinson.

Librarian and Curator : John H. Shaw.

Assistant Librarian : Alice Dold.

County Borough of Bury.

PUBLIC LIBRARY, ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

Twentieth Annual Report, 1920-1921.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Bury.

LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

The Committee appointed by you under the provisions of the Public Libraries' Acts has the honour of submitting its report for the year ending October 8th, 1921.

The Institution has made considerable progress during the year, and your Committee has pleasure in directing attention to the large increase in the issues from the Lending and Juvenile Libraries, and the increase in the Art Gallery attendances. In the Reference Library, too, the good work of last year has been maintained, whilst the issues from the School Libraries number 34,624 —or only 104 less than the large issue recorded in the last report—in spite of the fact that fewer books have been sent to each school owing to the depleted stock of the Juvenile Library.

There are in all departments of the Library 28,668 volumes—and these have circulated to the extent of 155,425 issues, an increase of 8,938 on last year, and 16,946 more than the total for 1918-1919; this is the highest issue recorded since the opening of the Institution in 1901. The proportion of fiction reading to the circulation from the Lending Libraries is 60 per cent.

The turnstiles record the number of visitors to the Art Gallery and Museum as 37,316, an increase of 5,894.

Many donations have been received, for which the Committee has accorded its thanks; a list of donors is given on pages 4 and 5.

As in previous years, the Book Selection Sub-Committee has given careful consideration to the books proposed for addition to the Libraries, with a view to strengthening the collection in all branches of literature, special attention being given to the Technical and Commercial sections.

A printed list of "Additions to the Libraries" was published, and typewritten "Special Reading Lists" on various subjects have been prepared by your Librarian in connection with courses of lectures delivered in the town.

606 volumes have been re-bound, in addition to the many books repaired by the Staff.

It is with great regret that your committee has to record the death, on September 19th, 1921, of Alderman Lambert Fletcher, J.P., who had been a member of the Art Gallery and Library Committee since November, 1905.

An inspection of the boiler, in August, revealed serious internal defects, and your Committee, taking into consideration the probable cost of repair and the fact that the capacity of the existing boiler had been insufficient for the satisfactory heating of the building, decided to instal two boilers of the "Cornwall" type. The work is now in hand.

The exterior painting of the building has been renewed, and the necessary repairs executed.

Your Librarian, as the representative of the Committee, attended the 44th Annual Meeting of the Library Association held in Manchester, and submitted a report of the proceedings.

The Libraries were open on 300 days, and the Art Gallery, Museum and Reading Rooms on 310 days.

Tables showing the number, classification and comparative statements of the volumes issued, with a statistical summary, are appended to this report.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Recorded issues from the Reference Library total 9,992 volumes, or 440 less than last year, whilst in addition the books on the "open shelves" have been in constant use. As many of the latter works are replaced by the borrowers themselves, it is not possible to give an accurate statement of the full work of this Department.

69 volumes, purchased out of the Grundy bequest, have been added, and 9 withdrawn as out-of-date or duplicate works, leaving a net stock of 7,808 at the end of the year.

Since the last report the Reference Library has been re-classified, and the books re-arranged on the shelves in accordance with Brown's "Subject Classification." Both Libraries—Lending and Reference—are now arranged on the "Brown" system, which is a decided advantage.

It is hoped, during the coming year, to compile a complete classified catalogue on cards for this department. This will facilitate reference and will render the stock of books much more convenient of access. Also, it is intended to devote special attention to the arrangement and cataloguing of the "Local Collection." In this direction the Committee would be pleased to accept gifts of books, pamphlets, broadsides, or magazines printed locally, or bearing upon the history and topography of Bury and District,

LENDING LIBRARY.

The stock of books available for home-reading is 18,829 volumes. Additions number 518, of which 202 were renewals, and 492 books were withdrawn from circulation on account of their worn-out condition. 86,709 volumes have been issued from the Lending Library, an increase of 5,920 on the large issue of last year.

5,546 ordinary tickets are now in use. 1,385 new tickets have been issued, 819 borrowers renewed their membership, and 1,134 cards were cancelled. Twenty-nine persons residing outside the Borough boundaries are using the Library, on payment of a Quarterly subscription of 1/3.

Your Committee has continued its subscription to the National Library for the Blind, thereby ensuring a regular supply of Braille books. In this manner 55 volumes have been received from the Manchester Library, and have been much appreciated by the blind readers of the district.

JUVENILE LIBRARY.

24,100 issues are recorded from this section, an increase of 3,562 volumes on last year's total, and in addition 34,624 volumes have circulated from the School Libraries, a decrease of 104. The total issues to children number 58,724 as against 55,266 for last year.

Your Committee regards the School Libraries as a most important branch of the work of the Institution, and desires to express its thanks to the Teachers for their co-operation and help.

Many more books are required for this department, in order that the fullest use may be made of the Library and the system of School Libraries developed. It has been impossible, owing to the depleted stock at the Central Library, to cope with the demands of the Schools during the past year, and consequently, fewer books than usual have been sent out. Your Committee, however, hopes to remedy this as the Library income permits.

1,243 books have been despatched to 21 of the Elementary Schools of the Borough, and the following are the issues from each school :—

All Saints', 660; Birtle, 572; Brunswick, 1,190; Chesham, 992; Christian Church, 2,888; Clerke Street, 2,160; East Ward Council, 4,320; Elton Council, 1,035; George Street, 1,460; Guardian Angels, 1,296; Holy Trinity, 1,800; Junior Technical School, 1,216; Parish Church, 1,750; St. Marie's, 1,710; St. Mark's, 1,650; St. Paul's (Bell), 1,685; St. Paul's (Huntley), 1,360; St. Peter's, 1,440; St. Stephen's, 3,800; St. Thomas's, 1,140; Walmersley, 420.

In four of the schools, the issues of which are included above, the books are not lent out for home-reading, but are read in School during the " silent reading " lesson.

The total stock of the Juvenile is 3,533 volumes. 255 books were added during the year, 143 of which were replacements, and 369 have been withdrawn from circulation, being incomplete or worn-out.

988 borrowers' tickets are current, in addition to those in use at the schools. 580 cards were cancelled, 257 renewed, and 605 issued to new borrowers.

READING ROOMS.

The Reading Rooms continue to be important and popular departments of the Institution, and are well used. No record is made of the issues of the Directories, Annuals and Commercial Year Books which are provided on the " Open Shelves " in the General Reading Room ; these are, however, in constant use.

DONORS TO THE LIBRARIES.

Mr. Richard Heape, Rochdale.
Mr. William Hewitson, Bury.
The late Councillor William Nabb, Bury.
Major John Whitehead, Bury.
Trustees of the late Rev. J. Williams, M.A., Bury.
Messrs. Bemrose Publicity Company, Derby.
Board of Agriculture and Fisheries.
Trustees of the British Museum.
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.
Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, Dunfermline.
City and Guilds of London Institute.
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester.
Cunard Line Co., Liverpool.
Proprietors of " Daily Telegraph."
Trustees of Durham University.
H.M. Patent Office, London.
Institute of Chartered Accountants.
Michelin Tyre Co., London.
The Leigh-Browne Trust, London.
National Institute for the Blind, London.
National Union of Teachers.
Registrar of Shipping and Seamen, London.
Smithsonian Institution, U.S.A.
North Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce.
Stubb's Publishing Co., London.
Trustees of Trinity College of Music, London.
University Correspondence College, London.
Director of Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington.

Victoria University, Manchester.
University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.
Reports have been received from many Public Libraries, Art Galleries and Museums, and from the various Departments of the Bury Corporation; also a number of periodicals from their respective publishers.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

Visits to the Art Gallery and Museum for the year number 37,316, an increase of 5,894, making a total of 1,169,019 since the opening of the Institution in 1901. The Gallery was open on 310 days, and the average daily attendance is 120, as against 102 for 1919-1920.

Permission was given to the Bury Y.M.C.A. Photographic Society to hold its Annual Exhibition in the Art Gallery during the period April 27th to May 25th. The prints shown, especially those by the members of the local Society, were of a high standard. Immediately following this exhibition, the 3rd Circulating Collection of Water Colours of the British School, kindly lent by the Trustees of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, was shown in the Gallery, and remained on view until July 30th. Both exhibitions attracted a large number of visitors.

The speciments in the four cases on loan to the Museum, from the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, were changed in September; the new collection consists of Italian Textiles, Chinese and Japanese Porcelain, Japanese Lacquerwork, and Ironwork.

ART GALLERY AND MUSEUM.

DONATIONS.

Mr. John H. Nuttall, Bury.—Local broadside (framed).

Mr. Charles Eaves, Tottington.—Skin of Alligator.

LOANS.

Captain C. E. Halliwell, Bury.—Collection of War trophies.

Mr. William Stern, Manchester.—Collection of oil paintings and water colours.

Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington.—3rd Circulating Collection of Water Colours of the British School.

do. —Four cases of Museum Objects.

Anonymous.—Collection of Ivories and Ebonies.

In conclusion, the Committee desires to express its heartiest thanks to all those who have made gifts, or contributed loans, to the Libraries, Art Gallery or Museum.

J. K. BUTCHER, *Chairman.*

JOHN ASHWORTH, *Deputy Chairman.*

Public Library, Art Gallery
and Museum, Bury.
November 17th, 1921.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES from the various Departments of the Library, 1920-1921.

Year	Lending Department	Juvenile Department	Reference Department	School Libraries	Total
1901-1919—	1,127,313	309,081	165,624	462,141	2,064,159
1919-1920—	80,789	20,538	10,432	34,728	146,487
1920-1921—	86,709	24,100	9,992	34,624	155,425
Totals—	1,294,811	353,719	186,048	531,493	2,366,071

VISITORS to the Art Gallery, 1901-1921 :—

1901-19	1,100,281
1919-20	31,422
1920-21	37,316
Total since opening ...	1,169,019

GENERAL SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Population as at last Census (1921)	56426
*Amount of Library Rate in the Pound	3d.
Cost of Library and Art Gallery Service, 1920-21, per Inhabitant	5.8d.
Total cost of Library, Art Gallery and Museum per Inhabitant	1/5.8d.
Number of separate Establishments	1
Number of School Libraries served from Central Library	21
*Number of Staff, Librarian and Assistants—(Males 2, Females 5, Caretakers 2, Cleaners, part-time 2)	11

* INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

(Year ended March 31st, 1921.)

Income—	£	Per cent. of total income.
From Rate	4212	95.9
From other sources	176	4.1
Total Income	4388	100.00

Expenditure—	£	Per cent. of total expenditure.
Library and Art Gallery service :		
(Books, Binding, Newspapers, Salaries, Fittings, etc.)	1432	32.63
Fabric charges :		
(Loans, Interest, Insurance, Heating, Lighting and Cleaning, etc.)	2956	67.37
Total Expenditure	4388	100.00

* Including Art Gallery and Museum.

STOCKS.

	Lending.	Reference.
Number of volumes at beginning of year	20598	7748
Volumes withdrawn during the year	861	9
Additions during the year (replacements 350)	1123	69
Total volumes at end of year	20860	7808
Volumes per head of population	1 per 2.7	1 per 7.2

ISSUES.

	Total	Daily Average.
Lending and Juvenile Library Issues	110809	369
Reference Library Recorded Issues	9992	33
School Library Issues	34624	
Total of all Issues for year	155425	
Issues from Lending Libraries per head of population		1.96
Total Issues per head of population		2.76

BORROWERS.

Number of actual borrowers and percentage of borrowers to population	6534	11 5%
Number of supplementary tickets held	1142	
Total borrowers' tickets in use (tickets valid for two years.)	7676	

VISITS.

	Total.	Daily Average.
Visitors to Art Gallery and Museum	37316	120
,, ,, ,, (last year)	31422	101

ISSUES FROM THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Class.	1919-20	Class.		1920-21.
		A	Generalia	2595
General Works	2301	B—D	Physical Science	794
Philosophy	94	E, F	Biological Science	493
Religion	505	G, H	Ethnology and Medicine ...	419
Sociology	828	I	Economic Biology	278
Philology	827	J, K	Philosophy and Religion ...	718
Science	383	L	Social and Political Science	543
Useful Arts	1125	M	Language, Literature, &c. .	945
Fine Arts	1136	N	Literary Forms	464
Literature	577	O—W	History and Geography	1885
History...	2656	X	Biography	641
		Y	Local Collection	217
Total issue ...	10432		Total issue	9992

ISSUES FROM THE LENDING LIBRARIES.

Class.		1919-20.	1920-21.
A	Generalia	3500	3034
B—D	Physical Science	3713	3887
E, F	Biological Science	757	807
G, H	Ethnology and Medicine	993	841
I	Economic Biology	1118	1045
J, K	Philosophy and Religion...	1049	861
L	Social and Political Science... ...	794	733
M	Language, Literature, &c.	1305	1262
N	Literary Forms	2573	2614
O—W	History and Geography	3014	3315
X	Biography	1288	1067
Z	Books for the Blind	161	197
Fiction		60524	67046
Juvenile Library		20538	24100
School Libraries		34728	34624
	Total Issue	136055	145433

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I bequeath out of such part of my personal estate as may by Law be bequeathed for such purposes, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster, the sum of

free from Legacy Duty for the Benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, to be expended in such way as they may deem expedient; and I direct that the Receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

I bequeath

(Books)

(Pictures)

to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Bury, in the County of Lancaster (free from Legacy Duty, which I direct shall be paid out of my pure personalty), for the benefit of the Public Library and Art Gallery of the said Borough, either for exhibition or for such other purpose as they may deem expedient; and I further direct that the Receipt of the Town Clerk for the time being of the said Borough shall be an effectual discharge for the said Legacy.

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